



Sgt. Brian Pupa, Lt. Joe Desmond, Deputy Chief Robert Richter, Patrolman Ronald Alpers is seen in the foreground as a member of the Wilmington Police Honor Guard.

(Paul Chinappi photo)

Turning up the heat on heroin

Police battling a growing problem

By VICTORIA ELLSWORTH

WILMINGTON - In the 1970s, the average heroin user was 28 to 30 years old and an urban dweller. Today, the average addict is a white, middle-class teenager.

Adolescence is a time for trying new things. Experimentation with drugs during adolescence is not uncommon. Teens use drugs for many reasons, including curiosity, because it feels good, to reduce stress, to feel grown-up or to fit in. Unfortunately, teenagers often don't see the link between their actions today and the consequences suffered tomorrow. They also have a tendency to feel indestructible and immune to the problems that others experience.

Several sources indicate new, young users are lured by inexpensive, high-purity heroin that can be snifed or smoked, instead of injected, and the misconception that these forms of the drug are safer.

"Every community in this area of the state is affected, including Wilmington," states Wilmington Police Lieutenant Detective Chris Neville. "We're fortunate that no one under the age of 20 has died recently, but there have been no less than three over doses resulting in death

here in Wilmington over the last year. And there may be others that we do not know about," says Neville.

"Enforcement alone is not going to get rid of the problem," stresses Wilmington Police Chief Michael Begonis. "Narcotics work is highly professionalized. There is a great deal of training involved and it's very expensive.

Educating the public is crucial." Drug Awareness education is not only a

- Lt. Christopher Neville

Wilmington priority. The Woburn District Court Probation Department and the Burlington, North Reading, Reading, Stoneham, Wilmington, Winchester and Woburn police departments have come together to address the continuing problem of heroin abuse.

The mission of the Heroin Education Awareness Task Force is to educate the public, especially parents, about the extent to which heroin is used and abused among young people in our communities.

The task force provides the following services:
o Provide statistical and anecdotal information to parents, school personnel and others on the

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Up through the ranks

Three Wilmington officers promoted

By VICTORIA ELLSWORTH

WILMINGTON - Friends, family and fellow officers were on hand to celebrate the promotion of three of Wilmington's finest on Friday, February 17th: Deputy Chief Robert Richter, Lieutenant Joseph Desmond, and Sergeant Brian Pupa.

Police Chief Michael Begonis presided over the event, which began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Lt. Desmond's daughter, Nicole.

Starting by rank, Begonis provided a short biography on each of the newly-promoted officers:

Deputy Chief Robert Richter moved to Wilmington in 1965 at the age of three and is a graduate of Wilmington schools. Appointed to the department in 1985, his many assignments included patrol, traffic, investigations, photography officer, accident reconstructionist, member of the SWAT unit as

well as a member of the Honor Guard. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1995 and promoted

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Made in the Shade 'wows' Wilmington



Last Thursday evening's Made in the Shade family jazz concert was a tremendous success. Sponsored by the Townwide School Enrichment Committee, the concert will likely become an annual event.

L to r: Bethany Kane clapping, Brittany Abbott, Patrick Walsh (with hands raised), Nick Troy, Colin Chase, Jacqui Previte

(Paul Chinappi photo)

The race for School Committee

Quickly heating up to luke-warm

By VICTORIA ELLSWORTH

WILMINGTON - As the February 27th deadline for returning nomination papers approaches, the race for School

Committee appears to be largely uncontested. Incumbent Kathleen McFadden announced that she will not seek reelection to the Committee. The other sitting member up for reelection, Mark DiGiovanni has not pulled papers as of this writing. That leaves four potential candidates for four seats.

Steven Higgins of Nichols Street, the only incumbent to run so far, has pulled his papers for one of the two, two-year unexpired terms. Last autumn, Higgins was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Marilyn Lamson. Success in this election will allow Higgins to finish the term.

The second two-year seat opened last month upon Therese Buonopane's resignation. Former School Committee member and Chairwoman Barbara Breakey of Middlesex Avenue will make her bid for this vacancy. Mrs. Breakey initially served on the Committee from 1995 to 1998. Of her decision to run in 2006, Mrs. Breakey states, "I was concerned because no one seems interested in running for the Committee. I enjoyed my prior experience. And, now I have the time to serve again."

Papers for both of the three-year terms have been pulled. At this time, however, only Suzanne Cushing, another former Committee member has confirmed that she will run. Cushing, who served on the committee from 1997 to 2004 and served as chair of the Superintendent Search sub-committee, is looking forward to serving the Town's schools again.

Both Cushing and Breakey agree that one of the most important tasks to face the School Committee in the com-

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9:15 AM to 11:15 AM 12:45 PM to 2:45 PM

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PM Session 11:55 AM to 2:25 PM
Wildwood AM Session 8:55 AM to 11:25 AM
PM Session 12:25 AM to 2:55 PM

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9:15 - 11:15 and 12:45 - 2:45

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8:45 - 10:45 and 12:15 - 2:15

If your child reaches age five(5) on or before August 31, 2006 he/she should register for Kindergarten at this time.

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In accordance with School Committee policy, no child will be registered to enter first grade if he/she has not turned six prior to August 31, 2006 even if they have completed a kindergarten program elsewhere.

The following items must be presented at the time of registration

- Original birth certificate
- Proof of residency i.e., current tax bill, utility receipt, rent receipt. (A driver's license or excise tax will not be accepted)
- If you are neither the homeowner nor the renter but residing in someone's home then we will need a current notarized letter stating such.

NOTE: Parents registering children for Kindergarten will also register at this time for the Early Childhood Kindergarten/Preschool screening. This screening will be conducted in May, further information will be provided at the time of registration. Also, screening is available to three (3) and four (4) year olds whose parents believe that their child has a reasonable likelihood of having any disabilities. Parents of three (3) and four (4) year olds wishing to have their child screened may also register during the above dates at the Boutwell and Wildwood Early Childhood Centers.



Week of Feb 27 WILMINGTON SCHOOLS

Wildwood & Boutwell

Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, peas, sliced peaches.

Tuesday: French toast sticks, sausage links, baby carrots, apple slices.

Wednesday: Early dismissal. Warm bagel, cheese cube, fruit yogurt, veggie sticks, applesauce.

Thursday: Hamburger or cheeseburger, oven fries, steamed corn, orange slices.

Friday: Spiderman Pizza pocket, veggie of the day, fruit cup.

Wilmington Elementary

Monday: Hamburger or cheeseburger on a roll, oven fries, steamed carrots, fruit cup.

Tuesday: BBQ rib on a roll, oven fries, steamed corn, sliced peaches.

Wednesday: Early Dismissal.

Pizza bagel, baby carrots, fruit yogurt, cinnamon apple slices.

Thursday: Meatball sub, pasta salad, green beans, pineapple chunks.

Friday: Cheese pizza pocket, steamed veggies, assorted fruit.

Wilmington Middle School

Monday: Chicken sticks with assorted sauces, oven fries, baby carrots, wheat dinner roll, apple slices.

Tuesday: Hamburger or cheeseburger on a roll, potato wedges, sweet corn, sliced peaches.

Wednesday: Early dismissal. Pizza bagel, hash brown patty, orange slices.

Thursday: Pasta with meat sauce, green beans, garlic bread, pears.

Friday: Cheese pizza pocket, steamed vegetable, assorted fruit.

Wilmington High School

Monday: Chicken parmesan sandwich, California vegetables, baked curly fries, peaches.

Tuesday: Meatball sub, oven fries, steamed veggie, fruit cup.

Wednesday: Early Dismissal. Pizza bagel - cheese or Hawaiian, baby carrots, orange slices.

Thursday: BBQ rib on a roll, mashed potato, green peas, apple slices.

Friday: Pizza wedge, steamed vegetable, assorted fruit.

TEWKSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Monday: Macaroni and cheese, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower, dinner roll, chocolate chip cookie, fruit or juice, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken fajita wrap with all the fixings, oven roasted potato wedge, fruit or juice, milk variety.

Wednesday: Cheese ravioli w/seasoned tomato sauce, toss salad w/dressing, garlic bread, fruit or juice, milk variety.

Thursday: Chicken patty on a roll, seasoned pasta, lettuce/tomato slices, peas and carrots, popcorn, fruit or juice, milk.

Friday: French bread pizza, vegetable of the day, tossed salad, w/ dressing, fruit or juice, milk variety.

SHAWSHEEN TECH

Monday: Rotini with meat sauce, green beans, tossed salad, whole wheat roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, rice a roni, carrots, whole wheat roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Baked pork chop with brown gravy, mashed potato, peas, whole wheat roll fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Thursday: Cheeseburger Macaroni bake, broccoli, whole wheat roll, fresh and canned fruit, milk.

Friday: Sal's whole wheat pizza, tossed salad, fresh and canned fruit, milk.



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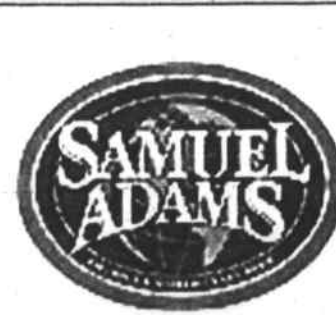
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Next meeting March 1st

North Suburban Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees

They started the new year with changes, meeting day and time of meetings (which changed). They will be still meeting at Reading Senior Center, 49 Pleasant St., Reading, on the first Wednesday of the month. The March meeting will be on the 1st. The time for entering the area is 1:15 p.m. (not before). If you are ahead of time, please go up to the TV room until the right time to enter area. The meetings will now go back to our original time of 1:45 p.m.. The speaker for this meeting

will be Scott MacDonald, Certified Financial Planner, who will not only provide sandwiches, etc., he will be bringing everyone up to date on Protection of Assets, Homestead Act, Medicare vs. Medicaid, IRA Distributions, Asset Protection, etc plus a Q and A period. All NARFE Members are welcome, as well as guests and any new members to be.

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OPINION



From: The Editor's Desk

by Stephen P. Bjork

The very best of intentions...

The Tewksbury School system is dealing with an overcrowding issue on its hands, no doubt about it. There has been no secret about that for at least the last three years.

More than 90 classrooms in Tewksbury Memorial High School contain more than 30 students at a time. Some of those are classrooms are approaching 40 students. To add fuel to the fire, 300 freshmen students are expected to enter the facility in September, while only 256 seniors will be exiting.

At the elementary school level, where teacher-to-student ratios are arguably even more important, the average class size stands at more than 25 students. The Long-Range School Space Planning Committee is projecting an influx of 350 elementary-aged students over the next ten years.

There is a group in town aiming to make a change. The Friends of the Tewksbury Public Schools is seeking to improve upon Tewksbury's student-to-teacher ratio. Through a petition-drive known as the "U-25" campaign, the Friends are looking to allocate more funds to the school system for the purpose of hiring of 20 additional teachers in order to bring class sizes back down under 25 students.

Signatories of the U-25 petition pledge to attend Tewksbury's upcoming annual town meeting with the intent of voting for a school department budget of \$32.6 million budget, as opposed to the proposed \$31.5 million.

Sounds like a great idea at first glance, but a mighty important question is left hanging in the air.

Where's the money going to come from?

When asked by the Town Crier, the Friends had not yet perform an analysis of the town's proposed budget. Granted, they are not able to do so until it is released in March. They were satisfied that the money will be in there somewhere...and they are expecting the fiscal officers of the town to identify it.

With all due respect, that's dangerous thinking.

The Town Crier, incidentally, applauds any group or individual who sees a problem and works constructively toward a solution. But a viable plan, or even a potentially viable plan, should be drawn up prior to obtaining signatures for such a purpose. The fiscal officers of the town have gone over and over the various departmental budgets. Whether you happen to question their level of competency or not, one thing is certain: there is no magic line item containing \$1 million going nowhere.

Yes, from a purely technical standpoint, the money is there - the question is what are you willing to do without in exchange?

If the necessary money is hidden in the budget somewhere, the Town Crier urges the Friends of the Tewksbury Public Schools to identify it prior to issuing an arbitrary demand to hire 20 additional teachers.

To the general public, the word "deficit" may have lost much of its meaning over the last 30 years or so. The federal government spends into a trillion dollar deficit, so why can't Tewksbury just allocate more money. It's gotta be there somewhere. The rules are different for municipalities. Deficits are not a possibility. A projected structural deficit means cutting services and laying off employees.

Last year, Tewksbury relied on one-time monies from various sources to balance the budget. It appears that one-time funds from the now-defunct NESWC contract will provide a much-needed boost to this year's budget as well, but next year the NESWC well is bone dry. But salaries cannot be paid with money that won't be on the table next year. What good will it do to hire teachers, only to be forced to lay-off the following year?

On it's face, the idea is a no-brainer. Who wouldn't want to see the crucial student-to-teacher ratio dramatically improved? It is akin to singing a petition demanding that all United States citizens receive full health care insurance. Great idea, but how will it be accomplished.

The intent behind this editorial should not be misunderstood. We are rooting for the success of the Friends. But we feel that the cart may be coming before the horse at this point.

Create summer memories: Host a New York City child

Your backyard could be a summertime oasis to an inner-city child. Close to 5,000 New York City children visit volunteer host families in the Northeast for two weeks or longer each summer through The Fresh Air Fund's Friendly Town program. They can run their hands and toes through freshly cut grass, skip over a sprinkler and watch the night sky fill with stars. As a host, you can help more children from low-income neighborhoods in New York City experience the simple summer pleasures of the Wilmington area.

"This was a wonderful experience for the whole family. Shanelle felt comfortable with all of us very quickly and likewise we felt the same. She was a total pleasure to host and a real breath of Fresh Air!" said a Fresh Air host. Many families

find their hosting experiences so rewarding that over 65 percent of all children are reinvited to stay with host families, year after year.

This year, The Fresh Air Fund needs more families to volunteer as hosts for the Friendly Town program. There are no financial requirements, and the host family can choose the age and gender of their visitor; all that is needed is time and love. First-time visitors range in age from six to 12 and can be invited back through The Fund until age 18.

Take the opportunity to learn more about The Fresh Air Fund and hosting a child this summer. Contact Christine Hume at 802-869-2448 or call The Fund at (800) 367-0003. You can also visit The Fund's Web site at www.freshair.org.



This and That

by Maria Harrison

Well there goes another blizzard. Would someone please remind me why I continue to live in the great frozen tundra of New England? Could it be the snow, that if one more person tells me it "looks like a painting" I'm going to barf. Could it be the wonderful grayness that shrouds the entire seaboard for six months out of the year? Perhaps it's the off-street parking that we have so that we don't have to wait until the spring thaw to get out of the front of our house? Wait...I know what it is - it's the "let me run to the store because there is going to be snow storm shopper."

Don't get me wrong. I'm right up there with everyone else that thinks, "What if the electricity goes out? - I have to have cold cuts in the house! What if I run out of oil - I have to have wood to burn! What if we get snowed in for a day? - I have to have enough food to feed a small nation!"

So, there I was at a meeting

at work on Friday and while one of my colleagues was talking, I was thinking, "Should I go to the Market Basket in Wilmington or the one in Tewksbury? The one in Tewksbury has that great baguette bread. Yah, but the one in Wilmington is so close to home."

As soon as my boss put her pen down, I had my coat on. As I walked to my car, I mentally prepared myself for the mission at hand. I had made up my mind - it would be the Market Basket in Wilmington. I knew what the battlefield would be like and was willing to accept the challenge. I perused the parking lot for a spot. Sometime around the sixth swing around the parking lot, I decided to follow the next person that came out. A young man came out carrying one small bag. I followed him trying to look as nonchalant as possible. That's not easy when you are stalking someone for their parking place. He took a left, I followed. We went by the store that sold leather, the

cleaners, TJ Maxx and the hardware store. It took me a few minutes to realize that the young man walked to Market Basket from his home. Rats! I turned the car around and took the only parking space available - at the very back of the lot.

I told myself it didn't matter because I was only going to get "a few things." Well over a hundred dollars later, I was standing at the check out. The woman in front of me was arranging the things in her cart by color. I sighed and discreetly looked away. The only thing I could say in her defense was she had plenty of time to do whatever she wanted, seeing that we were about fifteenth in line. When she finally got to the register, it seems that she didn't have enough money, so she wanted to write a check for \$.78. As the cashier and the woman bickered for a moment, I recognized her. Wait a minute, she was the woman that had tried to beat me down for the last container of flavored Coffee

Mate!

We had both been pushing our carriages down the aisle. I was being very careful not to bump into anyone, showing the proper supermarket etiquette of saying "sorry" if my cart remotely even touched someone else's. But this one made it impossible. She deserted her carriage right at the beginning of the aisle. The carriage was positioned just far enough across the aisle to make it impossible to get around her. By the time she came back, an angry mob had formed around the carriage. She didn't care; she looked at me, then looked away as our eyes locked eyes on the same item.

She made a lunge for her carriage, I counter reacted by doing the "quarterback carriage" play. I faked her out by walking away, then turned suddenly and made a leap for the creamer. I knocked it off the shelf and caught it mid air. Score! Oh, well all's fair in love, war and the supermarket!



Everything's a Story

by Andrea MacMullin

Now that Valentine's Day is over, I feel

I can now let you ladies, and men, too, I suppose, know of a little secret that I came across many years ago.

It's not necessarily a bad secret, although some may see it as a little tacky, but nonetheless, it is something that I have been guilty of in the past.

It was about this time years ago when I was a young girl visiting my older, very refined, married sister. I noticed her array of Valentine's Day cards proudly displayed. There was a handsome, masculine card that she had obviously given to her husband. At closer glance, I noticed something was amiss.

It seemed to have a rather odd tatteredness to it at the fold of the card. I couldn't help but ask her about it.

Embarrassingly, she said, "I

guess it's time to get a new one". Apparently, she had been recycling more than just her aluminum cans.

Each year, Brenda would carefully take the Valentine's Day card she lovingly picked out for her husband nearly a decade ago and place it in its original envelope and tuck it away until the following February.

Absolute brilliance. At first I was shocked. But then, the idea kind of wore on me. I mean, really, what is the harm in it?

Every year we all go and stand blankly in the same card aisle, pondering over the verse that is supposed to reveal our inner souls. I usually find myself in such anxiety, because for one, I can never seem to find a card that doesn't utter "ridiculous," and the humorous cards all have a cartoon dog dancing on them.

When you think about, every

card we give is like handing over an envelope with \$5 in it. Not to say that a loved one isn't worth \$5, but once it is opened and the message is read, the card might see a spot on the counter with some others, and after that, those beautiful embossed hearts are being enjoyed by my friendly trash collectors.

Some may argue that the whole point is being missed, the thought and care that goes into choosing a card just isn't there. All I can say is, time was spent at least once picking it out. And then, for the following year, one must take care to preserve the card in such a place that one can remember where it is the following year.

This year, I made my way to the vast display of Valentine's cards. As with every year, I was among several men with blank stares looking as if they were about to perform their

first brain surgery without the benefit of prior medical school.

Card in hand, one would pass a sideways glance to me, looking for approval. I shook my head, and discreetly motioned for the one two slots over. With relieved desperation, they were on their way.

As I chose my own card, I tried to remember if I had saved the one from last year. Knowing that I couldn't possibly remember where it was even if I had, I picked the least offensive greeting.

It was well received. Days later as I prepared to tuck it away for safekeeping, I came across two other, "only worn once" Valentine's cards. One must have been from some time ago, because I realized I don't sign my name like that anymore.

I'm already for next year.



Letters to the editor

A golden opportunity for Tewksbury

Dear Editor,
A golden opportunity awaits approval from Tewksbury residents.

I am writing to encourage all Tewksbury registered voters to endorse the passage of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) on the town ballot this spring. This is a positive endeavor we as concerned citizens CAN make happen for our community...all it will take is your affirmative vote. We are long overdue to take advantage of our share of available funds from the surplus of fees we have already paid into the Registry of Deeds that other Massachusetts towns with the CPA are currently utilizing. With available matching funds provided by the state it becomes a "double benefit" to our community and can only be used for designated purposes in the areas of open space, historic preservation, and affordable housing. "Our" money, used to preserve "our" town, with decisions made by "our" vote at Town Meeting.

The groundwork has already been laid by the prior Town Meeting approval of a 1.5% surcharge rate to be brought to the ballot which I believe is a palatable price to pay (approximately \$8.50 per quarter on a property assessed at \$320,000) when we as a community stand to reap so much in return. Plus there are exemp-

tions for the first \$100,000 of assessed value for ALL, as well as exemptions for low or moderate income senior citizens and other low income homeowners who truly can't afford it.

For the rest of us, as we have all experienced, our taxes inevitably go up each year anyway with very little to show for it. Wouldn't it be nice to actually get "more bang for our tax buck" with matching state funds toward worthy endeavors to make our community a better place for ALL? This beneficial CPA initiative also increases our town's eligibility for other additional state grants.

All in all I believe the CPA is a WIN-WIN proposition for Tewksbury and its residents and the time to implement it is NOW. Please join me in voting "YES" for the Community Preservation Act on April 1st, 2006. Together, we CAN make a difference!

Karyn Sliva
Tewksbury

Making our town a better place to live

Dear Editor,
As 48-year residents of Wilmington, who care and love our town, we want to publicly thank Selectman Suzanne Sullivan for her honest and courageous summary of the many critical, serious, and open, ongoing issues brought forward at the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of 2/13/06. These issues, and others should

have been addressed and rectified by the entire Board of Selectmen, as they represent each and every resident of the town. Selectman Sullivan is the only Selectman who continually strives to keep, and make our town a better place to live in. Thank you Ms. Sullivan for all your honest and sincere efforts!

Mary and Richard Kiesinger
Wilmington

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Letters to the editor

Not enough trash generated by town to assemble "Mount Trashmore"

Dear Editor:

My name was mentioned along with those of Betty Bigwood (a retired Medical Doctor) and Suzanne Sullivan in an unsigned letter to the editor last week captioned "A modern-day witch-hunt." In my opinion this letter was written by someone who is obviously not familiar with many of the facts and their hypocrisy appears to have no limits as they have written a letter which clearly establishes that they themselves are guilty of a slanderous portrayal of the concerned citizens that they are complaining about.

To the author of the unsigned letter, your supposed righteous indignation is no more than uniformed melodramatic drive written in such a manner as to illustrate your supposed great intellect. "Soliloquies?" Whew, I had to look that one up in the dictionary! I'll bet that's a word used by most folks in normal conversation; 'a dramatic monologue that gives the illusion of being a series of unspoken reflections.' So are the readers of your letter to understand that since you couldn't effectively attack Ms. Sullivan's message, you decided to attack her public speaking style? It is true that a camera crew was given permission to film the Maple Meadow Landfill (MML) from portions of Dr. Bigwood's property. However, it is my understanding that attorney Fogel, who represents Mass Environmental (MEA), was the person responsible for coining the name "Mount Trashmore." Get your facts correct!

It isn't "magic" that a huge pile of trash did not result from Wilmington using a small approximately 6 or 7 acre portion of the Spinazola property as a town dump. It was something called "physics." There simply was not enough trash generated by Wilmington to assemble our own "Mount Trashmore." The household waste deposited by Wilmington into the old town dump filled an old sand and gravel pit. Borings advanced through the

level surface of the old town dump prior to the initiation of the supposed capping activity, reported the trash to be as much as 85 feet deep in places. The previous sand and gravel mining operation made extensive use of dewatering. After mining operations ended, so did the dewatering activity. The deeper portions of the sand and gravel pit filled with water and these water filled holes were subsequently filled with residential trash. Much of the residential trash is currently located below the water table. The stated purpose of constructing a landfill cap is to prevent rain water from percolating down through the trash, dissolving contamination and leaching that contamination out into the groundwater where it can negatively impact other downgradient locations. Since much of the trash at the old town dump is already in the groundwater table, construction of a cap will not prevent leaching of contaminants into the groundwater.

During your trips to the dump in the 1960's did you notice the fires burning the consumables before being compacted in place along with other solid waste, which wouldn't burn, by that machine with the metal tracks called a bulldozer. After the bulldozer compacted the trash at the edge of the area where residents would unload trash from their vehicles, dirt was spread out to cover the compacted trash. The area of compacted trash eventually grew to cover an area of approximately 6 or 7 acres. Do you really believe that another machine later came back to dig up the compacted dirt covered trash to move it to other locations at the property? Or rather could there have been other small areas of trash on the property, possibly consisting of Wilmington trash, possibly consisting of trash from another source or sources. These other small isolated areas of trash were identified prior to designing a cap and the entire empty distance between the

Wilmington town dump and these small areas of isolated trash resulted in a 30 acre site and not a 6 or 7 acre site.

You speak of many professional opinions about the capping design. Can you provide a copy of the Environmental Engineer designed landfill cap which was based on the actual cost to construct a well engineered cap or just a design plan which maximized the volume of petroleum contaminated material that could be physically located at the property? The Wilmington landfill height by-law does not interfere with the construction of a well-engineered landfill cap, it frustrates the efforts to maximize the volume of contaminated material that can be deposited at the MML under the guise of constructing a cap. To date, I am not aware of a final accounting of the revenues collected from the waste materials deposited to date. Do the professional opinions and reports you reference include the report prepared by GeoInsight?

No, the contaminated groundwater from Olin does not flow beneath the MML on its way to the impacted town wells. It is true that plumes of contaminated groundwater from both sites have apparently commingled downgradient from the MML. Groundwater flow direction and the direction of the contaminate plume migrating away from the Olin site are not necessarily the same since much of the contamination from Olin is heavier than water and sinks to the bedrock surface. Much of the contamination from Olin has flowed along the bedrock surface by gravity, which is often a very different direction than groundwater flow.

Yes it is true that Wilmington is located within an area where there are naturally occurring minerals such as arsenopyrite, which contains arsenic. As this mineral weathers or oxidizes/rusts arsenic is released from the iron. The recycling center may be located either cross gradient or potentially up gradient from a por-

tion of the MML; however, contamination potentially at the recycling center property associated with such materials as decaying leaves is not in my opinion contributing arsenic contamination to the MML property. Decaying leaves may liberate a small volume of tannic acid but I have never read of any association between decaying organic materials and arsenic during my 18 years as an environmental professional. It is my understanding that the leaves decay into a useful material which can be used as a mulch or be mixed with sand to create topsoil and/or loam. The soil thus created is trucked off the site and used as topsoil for planting grass at other town properties such as the soccer field at the Shawsheen School. Some of this material is also made available to the residents of Wilmington for their own personal use. The very name of the area you refer to as the "Recycling Center" should provide you with a clue that these materials are reused. Therefore I do not believe there to be any mysterious pile of material leaching arsenic into the groundwater as you have apparently suggested. There was at one time some water treatment plant sludge temporarily located at a portion of the recycling center property which contained arsenic but that was properly cleaned up.

The Attorney Generals Office approved the landfill height by-law on its own merits after review of the applicable laws. The citizens of Wilmington voted for the landfill height by-law indicating that they are not in favor of what has been going on at the MML. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 9 specifically allows towns to adopt bylaws to prohibit the siting or expansion of solid waste facilities in areas of contribution to a public drinking water supply and the MML is located within a Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) approved Zone II. The other landfills you speak of are not located within areas of contribution to public drinking water supplies. In my opinion it is better to site any kind of a landfill at a location which is not in an area of contribution to a public drinking water supply.

I am an environmental professional and please believe me when I tell you that what has occurred at the MML is not a closure and capping operation. It is a private landfilling operation which provides no money to Wilmington but which may be found in 20 or 30 years from now to be negatively impacting our water resources in ways that are currently not known or even envisioned. Through improvements in technology we may one day discover that this supposed safe capping operation has resulted in some horrible exposure to some other contaminant that was not on the radar screen today. The old town dump was legal when it was in operation; and so were the open lagoons at Olin!

In my opinion, losing the current MML BATTLE WILL HAVE A DOMINO EFFECT resulting in the loss of the entire south Wilmington area to an expansion of the MML, approval of the New England Transrail project and other similar operations on adjacent industrial/commercial properties which will continue to consume southern Wilmington and have a significant negative impact on all of Wilmington's residents!

If I were one of the people for whom this letter was written in support of, I would not want to be associated with a cravenly person who could write such an offensive letter as to mention Nazi symbolism, which represented the deaths of millions of people, in attempting to characterize the motivations of Dr. Bigwood but is unwilling to sign their name! I am embarrassed for this person. In my opinion, this person, and the people they profess to represent, should not only be ashamed of themselves but also owe Dr. Bigwood and the citizens of Wilmington an apology.

Respectfully,
George G. Lingenfelter
Professional Geologist



Let's Hear it!!

Your Two Cents...

It looks like the town will remain fiscally sound for another three years. Thank God 4 of our selectmen know why the town has kept its head above during the worst recession in recent memory.

Wilmington

Town Crier: thanks for putting that article about the schools in the paper last week. Let's save our schools! Sign the petition to bring 20 more teachers into Tewksbury schools. Our children must be educated to compete in a global market.

Tewksbury

Suzanne Sullivan has received a lot of bad press in your newspaper. I for one am glad that she voted her conscience.

Wilmington

Our kids had the time of their lives at the jazz concert last week. My whole family extends a warm thank you to the committed staff and volunteers of Wilmington schools.

Wilmington

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Send your Two Cents to twocents@yourtowncrier.com. All submissions chosen for publication will be done so anonymously.



Letters to the editor

Inspired by Butters Farm



Dear Editor,

One spring morning, while exploring Baldwin Landing where routes 38 and 128 intersect in Woburn, Massachusetts, the historical markers located there captured my interest. Later that summer on Chestnut Street in Wilmington, a neighboring town, I was again intrigued by another unusual historical marker. An Ahhhh-Ha moment occurred when I realized that these two markers were related! This unusual Wilmington stone was the Baldwin Apple Monument and the farm where it sits is where the locally famous Pecker Apple was found. Walking around the grounds, I could feel

the history and beauty that were a part of this landscape. This was a place of inspiration and dreams. Someone live and loved in this place, laughed, farmed, raised children, had hopes and visions here.

As an artist, I was moved to capture some of my experience of The Butters Farm, as it is now recognized. After several days of "on-location" pastel painting and many photographs later I was ready to move into the studio. What resulted is this 10" x 20" oil-painted image of the Butters Farm, Home of the Baldwin Apple.

Sincerely,
Cheryl O'Halloran McLeod
Wilmington

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CO Alarms to be required by law in Massachusetts effective March 31, 2006

As of March 31, 2006, carbon monoxide alarms will be **required** in all residences with potential sources of carbon monoxide. The Board of Fire Prevention Regulation (BFPR) recently passed emergency regulations to implement the law known as "Nicole's Law" (527 CMR 31.00)

Fire departments are currently required to inspect smoke alarms when homes are being sold and transferred. Starting March 31, 2006 (or January 1, 2007 where hard-wired alarms are required) fire departments will now inspect all residences upon sale and transfer for carbon monoxide alarms. Make certain when you are purchasing an alarm that it is certified by an independent testing company. Not all alarms will bring your home into compliance with these regulations

The Department of Fire Services is distributing a *Consumer's Guide to Requirements for Residential Carbon Monoxide Alarms*. This guide and information about the regulations can be obtained from your local fire department and on the DFS website at

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Quick Health Tips

by Dr. Leslee Quick

Moderation

I receive a plethora of questions daily about diet and my thoughts on the newest studies. All this consumer information can cause a conundrum for even the best of eaters. It makes you begin to wonder...what can I eat now-a-days?

Well, let's begin with the basics. Our bodies were intended to eat what the earth gave us - naturally. As omnivores, we were built to digest both untainted meat and plant products. We were meant to drink mother's milk, water and natural juices.

But our technology has enabled us to consume a cornucopia of foods and drinks. Advancements allow us to derive oil from a soybean, take the seeds out of fruit and chemically enhance just about any product out there and make it edible. Add with that a savvy marketing plan, and you have the latest and greatest advancement in what's new and healthy.

Here are some examples. For many years we have been told to drink pasteurized cow's milk for its calcium and vitamin D benefits. Long ago, it was "necessary" to drink four glasses of milk a day to keep osteoporosis away; recently it was decreased to three. And now we are finding that milk isn't all that it's cracked up to be. It increases the mucous secretions in the body, as well as fails to give us the absorbable calcium we once thought.

Hey, when was the last time you saw a nursing mother dopping up on drugs before breastfeeding. That's what all cows, except for organically raised ones, are doing before giving up the goods. In addition, due to the high levels of heat in the pasteurization process, much of the good enzymes of the milk are destroyed. So now what am I going to put in my seven grain cereal?

In the last few years we have had the insurgence of soy, which loads a pack of protein without the dairy component. I even got myself to love the chocolate soy milk and tofu lasagna. But history shows that it is derived from the plant that was originally not eaten, but used as an industrial product. There are scientists balking at the FDA's approval of unfermented soy that are mass marketed due to its ability to inhibit the uptake of minerals and act like estrogen in the body.

"As little as a 5 to 8-ounce serving of soy milk a day has been proven to suppress thyroid function," says soy researcher and nutritionist Michael Fitzpatrick. Now what?

How about coffee? One day it's bad, the next day it fights cancer. Three cups a day are now good for you. But let's be straight about something. They didn't say three grandes, cream and sugar were included. A cup is eight ounces, not thirty-two. And now a days, it's not coffee; there's just as much flavored concoctions as there are die-hard java nuts. Forget what is added to the coffee just to make it more palatable. I joke with my husband that he should have a little coffee with his cream and sugar. And he drinks French Vanilla.

Decaffeination is another technological advancement. In some cases, unnatural chemicals such as methylene chloride can be used to decaffeinate the beans. But other ways include: ethyl acetate, a naturally occurring chemical found in fruit; carbon dioxide; or water.

Don't forget this little tidbit. Coffee beans are mostly grown abroad, and sprayed often with pesticides and fertilizers, in places where restrictions are not as stringent. So think about that before you dive into that java.

Let's move to chocolate. You can never get me away from it. Chocolate, in its darkest form, is actually chock-full of goodies that can actually be, well, good for you. But it's the dark chocolate with upward of 70% cocoa concentration that generally has the most benefits. Our typical fascination for milk-chocolate doesn't make the cut.

Butter, we love butter. But our consumption of butter and high cholesterol levels over the years have caused the margarine industry to boom, marketing that it is a healthy alternative. Then the public learned about hydrogenation and trans-fatty acids. Now, they're not even margarine but called "spreads" and tout no trans-fatty acids. But many have other additives and preservatives. You can't even cook with most of them. So either way, definitely use either of these condi-

ments in moderation.

Here's where we go wrong. We tend not to make healthy choices. But just as important, we are gluttons.

If an advertisement tells use we need to cut our carbs to lose weight, we not only cut down, we cut out - completely. And we tend to cut out the important, complex carbohydrates that are important to a healthy diet.

A diet such as Atkin's, which promotes the initial cutting of carbohydrates, focuses on our indulgence of the simple, refined sugars. The intentions are noble. We do need to cut out the white bread and Ritz crackers. But instead, we bastardize the plan. I've seen girls who are supposedly on the Atkin's diet subsisting on burger king burgers, without the bread. I don't think this is what Dr. Atkins had in mind.

We are an all or nothing society. This is why I'm deathly afraid of cloning. We can't just do things in moderation.

We need to control our gluttony. And corporate America just feeds our addictions.

So what do you do? Here's some advice to keep you healthy in this bombardment of marketing and chemically processed foods.

1. Read your labels. What you may think of as good for you isn't always the case. Companies tend to push the envelope on fair marketing laws. So read ingredients carefully; they are listed by their amounts. The first ingredient listed is in the highest quantity, and so on.

Did you know that the average peanut butter sandwich is laden with sugar, hydrogenated oils and salt? But right next to that brand you can find one that is all-natural. Or that most of the whole wheat breads in the market aisle have high fructose corn syrup as one its main ingredients. Why is this? One day I spent twenty-five minutes just searching for a worthy wheat bread. But they are there. Even crackers have taken on a new meaning to my family. While my three year old still loves her fishies, those are only an occasional snack whereas I turn to all-natural, cheddar cheese crackers.

If you are trying this with your children remember to start early. I started my daughter on these natural products as an infant so she grows up with them. We're so used to our tainted taste buds that it becomes more difficult for us as we get older, to turn to natural products. And I thought I would never be able to change. But I have. And if the pickiest eater in the world can do it - that's me - anyone can.

Stay away from preservatives, high fructose corn syrup and chemical sweeteners, especially aspartame, which in sustained amounts, cause neurological deficits and some cancers in lab tests.

Sucralose, one of the newer sweeteners on the market, may be better only because there are no studies that say otherwise. So I recommend using it with caution, over time, as aspartame

was once considered a safe sweetener. Splenda claims to be derived from sugar...and it is...a chemically altered sugar in which a hydrogen atom is replaced with chloride.

Stevia, a plant native to Paraguay, is a natural sweetener, but has not been approved by the FDA for mass food production in the United States. It can only be sold as a supplement and found in natural food stores. Isn't it funny...a natural plant that has been used for centuries is harder to pass through the FDA than aspartame and Vioxx?

If you buy sugar I generally recommend unrefined, raw sugar, which I have found easily at the local food market. It's more expensive, but less is needed to create the same affect.

2. Learn moderation. I used to drink coca-cola like it was going out of style. Not only is there not one ounce of nutritional value, but it adds empty calories. And on top of that, the phosphoric acid in soda, in large amounts, can cause depletion of bone density by leeching the calcium out of the bones and excreting it. How's that for fun? I lost probably ten pounds on my quest for health just cutting out soda years ago.

3. Relax and enjoy your food. For those who are dieting, a great way to change your eating habits is to slow down and actually enjoy food.

How many times do we eat standing up, at our desks, before running out the door? What was that I just ate? And did I enjoy it? Food should not be eaten on the run.

It takes twenty minutes for your stomach to register where it's at on the full scale so a lot of damage can be done in that time.

If we shovel our food, as many of us tend to do. Not only do we not get to fully enjoy what we are tasting, but we also fill up too fast before we even know what's happened. And by the time your stomach is yelling "Help this sinking ship, I'm full," the damage is done.

4. Eat well. Be sure that your overall diet is filled with, straight-from the earth - organic as much as possible - food that gives you your optimal daily allowance.

Supplement with quality, all-natural vitamins, oils etc., to make up where your diet falls short. The only type of seafood I like is deep fried, so I stay away from it altogether. Therefore, I supplement my essential fatty acids, which are found in fish oils, every day. Essential fatty acids are labeled as essential because your body does not naturally manufacture it in the body and must be ingested through the food we eat. Try to start by adding things piecemeal. I add flax seed meal to just about everything now: in salads, pancakes, anywhere I can hide it without my family knowing. I'm not a fan of nuts, but I add walnuts to salads and breads, places where they can easily hide without me feeling like I'm eating a nut. These are great sources of omega 3 and 6s.

Eat complex, carbohydrates such as whole grains, fruits and vegetables.

In summary, change the way you look at eating. I still drink milk and soy milk. I just am sure to drink more water than anything else, and everything else is in moderation. I even enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza and the occasional coca-cola. I am just sure that these foods are not my staples and are treated as just that...treats. This way, you don't have to "starve" yourself for enjoying what you love, in moderation. Just remember there is such a thing as "Too much of a good thing."

If you know of any great natural products that are found locally please feel free to let me know as I am always in search for myself, patients and community to share the information of natural products.

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OBITUARIES

Louise B. Balser

Wilmington's Assistant Librarian for 35 years

WILMINGTON - Louise Brooks Balser passed away Wednesday, February 15, 2006 after a brief decline in health. She was 91.

A lifetime of activity with town organizations is the legacy Louise leaves. She was an active member of the Congregational Church, a member of the Ladies Benevolent Society, the Wilmington Women's Club and the Historical Society.

Later in life her interests turned to ceramics, having created hundreds of beautifully painted pieces; but her life-long passion was gardening. The home she shared with her late husband, Foster, was well known for the wide array of flowering gardens.

She was also an active participant in the events and social life at the Buzzell Senior Center.

Louise was also an avid genealogist. Long before computers made it easy, Louise had compiled, by hand, by writing letters to relatives all over the country and the world a history of her family going back into the 1600's and complete to her great-grandson, Alden.

Louise was the Assistant Librarian for Wilmington for 35 years and had worked in the old library (now the 4th of July HQ) before the library had moved to the new building in the late 60's. She was an instrumental part of that move and continued on in the new building until her retirement.

Louise was the daughter of the late Louis and Inez Nichols. She was predeceased by her husband Foster Balser.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter; Gary Balser of St. Cloud, FL, Ellen Kimble of Rochester, NH, and Jay Balser of Wilmington. She is also sur-



vived by five grandchildren; Lisa (Balser) Millirons, Timmy Balser, Brook Kimble, Katie Kimble and Jenny (Balser) Adams and one great-grandson; Alden Adams.

She is survived by her sister Betty Rice of Wilmington. She had a brother and sister who predeceased her; Richard Rossen and Hilda Moore. Many neices and nephews also survive.

Her funeral was held at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington on Saturday, Feb 18th. The Rev. Miles Hall performed the ceremony.

Interment was in the Wildwood Cemetery, in Wilmington.

Donations in Louise's memory may be made to the Wilmington Memorial Library, 175 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA 01887.

Jeanne L. Boeri

Active with St. Dorothy's Church, Wilmington Women's Club

WILMINGTON - Jeanne L. (LeClerc) Boeri, age 85 years, of Wilmington, died unexpectedly, on February 17, 2006, while vacationing, at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville, FL.

Mrs. Boeri was born on Monday, August 23, 1920, in Manchester, NH, the daughter of the late Joseph LeClerc and the late Sarah (Kelly) LeClerc. She was an active member of St. Dorothy's Church and a member of the Wilmington Woman's Club.

Prior to retirement, she was employed by the I.R.S. as a Clerical Worker.

Mrs. Boeri was the beloved wife of the late John L. Boeri; and is survived by her children Jay Boeri and his wife Carolyn of Hartland, VT, Judith Lyons and her husband John of Lexington, David Boeri and his wife Islay of Petersham, MA and Karen T. Boeri of Wilmington; her grandchildren Jennifer Boeri, Jesse Boeri, Andrew Boeri, Eric Lyons, Corey Lyons, Jamie Boeri, Alexandra Boeri and 4 great grandchildren. Mrs. Boeri was also the grandmother of the late Nicholas Boeri and the sister of the late Helen Leonard.

Her funeral will be held from the W.S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main St. (Rt. 38), Wilmington, on Thursday

morning, February 23, 2006 at 8:45 followed by a funeral mass at St. Dorothy's Church at 10:00. Interment will follow in the family lot Wildwood Cemetery, in Wilmington. Relatives and



Friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Memorial donations in her name may be made to St. Dorothy's Church, 11 Harden Street Wilmington, MA 01887 or VNA of Middlesex-East & Visiting Nurse Hospice 607 North Ave., Suite 17 Wakefield, MA 01880.

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Frank Kaszynski

Avid sportsman, inventor

WILMINGTON - Mr. Frank Kaszynski, ninety three years old who died on February 18' at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington, was a Wilmington town resident since 1938. His beloved wife Mary (Rawinski) died in 1995. Frank was born in Southbridge, MA in 1912, he was the son of the late Lucien & Petronella (Pacek) Kaszynski.

He learned the machinist trade while working for American Optical Co. As a young man he entertained family and friends playing a banjo and clarinet, later starting a local dance band. Throughout his working career he took many college level evening courses and developed into a production manager and inventor for a firm that produced shoe making machines. During WWII he worked at the Boston Navy Yard machining repair parts for naval ships, including turning the 24 inch diameter Monel metal drive shaft for the Queen Mary which had been converted for troop transport.

An avid sportsman, he fly fished in the spring and summer, camped with the family usually at Sebago Lake in the summer and hunted deer and bear in the fall. Ever inventive, he designed and developed plans for the first and only Do-It-Yourself home built Pop-Up Camper. (This design became a necessity with addition of twin children in 1947 making it difficult to fit seven people in an umbrella tent). The camper plans and parts were sold in a mail order operation from the home.

He was an avid fly fisherman traveling throughout the Commonwealth for pristine brook trout streams and later fishing the famous Maine brooks and streams. He hunted deer with a passion and was successful usually in remote regions of Maine. He shot his last deer at 90 years of age. When hunting he realized the necessity to check your compass frequently and developed the FRA-MAR Grip compass which was embedded in the pistol grip of a rifle stock and only required twisting the rifle to make a compass reading. For all these activities he involved his children and any other kid wanting to try something new.

His five children all graduated from Wilmington High School. His strong belief in academic



excellence is shown through his grandchildren's education, where each has achieved an advanced or professional collegiate degree. To that end, he established the Frank and Mary Kaszynski Scholarship for Wilmington High School graduates.

Frank is survived by his children Frank J. Kaszynski & his wife Nancy of Belmont, Robert J. Kaszynski & his wife Yvette of Kittery, ME, Richard S. Kaszynski & his wife Terry of Lynnfield, Michael P. Kaszynski of Watertown, and Maureen F. Kaszynski of Watertown, his sister Betty Kirk of Fellsmere, FL, his grandchildren Erik Kaszynski of Jamaica Plain, Kyra Kaszynski & Sabre Kaszynski both of New York City, Jill Kaszynski of Woburn, and Brian Kaszynski & his wife Gail of Beverly, and his great-granddaughter Julia Kaszynski. Frank was also brother of the late Edward A. Kaszynski and Jean Rose.

Frank's funeral, will be held from the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Friday morning at 9:00 followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Dorothy's Church at 10:00 a.m. Interment Wildwood Cemetery. Visiting hours will be on Thursday from 3-5 & 7-9 p.m. Memorial donation's in Frank's name may be made to the Frank & Mary Kaszynski Scholarship Fund, c/o Wilmington High School, 159 Church St., Wilmington, MA 01887.

Lawrence P. Reinhart

Navy veteran; worked at Charlestown Navy Yard

Mr. Lawrence P. Reinhart, 75, of Wilmington, formerly of Charlestown, died Friday, February 17, 2006 at his home surrounded by his family.

Mr. Reinhart was born December 22, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois, he was the son of the late Norman J. & Lenora (Campbell) Reinhart. Mr. Reinhart was raised in Chicago and he joined the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict, he served aboard the USS Columbus out of Boston prior to being part of the Rhine River Patrol and then returned to Boston. After the service, he worked at the Navy Yard in Charlestown and he settled there.

He met and married Janet M. (Casey) Reinhart 51 years ago, and they lived in Charlestown prior to moving to Wilmington 36 years ago.

Prior to retirement Larry was a custodian at Brandeis University for many years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Charlestown and the VFW in Medford. In his spare time, Larry loved making

models, which he was extremely talented at, you can see his works of art in his home as well as his children's homes, most of all Larry was a family man, he loved spending time with his children and he thoroughly enjoyed his grandchildren who will miss him dearly.

Besides his wife, who survives him, Larry was the devoted father of Barbara Fitzgerald, Catherine Reinhart, & Peter Reinhart all of Wilmington, Lawrence Reinhart of Chicago, IL, Debra Luciano of No. Andover, and Robert Reinhart of Tewksbury, loving grandfather of 12 grandchildren, also survived by two brothers & two sisters of Arizona.

Visiting hours were held at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Thomas Church, Interment took place in Wildwood Cemetery. Memorial donation's in Lawrence's name may be made to St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA 01887 or Hospice Care, Inc., 41 Montvale Ave, Stoneham, MA 02180.

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~On stage and made in the shade~

As if the weather weren't perfect enough (had Dave Epstein worked his magic?), dancing in the aisles did occur as forecast.

Co-founder of all the Made in the Shade Music groups and instant, improv' reporter Dan Fox trumpets the following note, almost straight from the scene:

"We thought the show went really well... The kids were dancing and having a ball. We had them name the different styles of jazz we were playing to help get their parents up to speed... It was a full crowd, and I would call it a huge success."

In addition to his occasional international and cross-country touring, Fox currently teaches private students in Lexington, directs the jazz band at St. Mark's High School in Southborough, and plays trombone, electric bass, trumpet, tuba, conch shells, and drums.

And just in from Joanne Benton: "The concert was amazing. Watching mothers and fathers dancing with their children in the aisles was wonderful. Everyone had a great time!"

~If you must have soda...~ Samantha & Stefany, two middle school students, in partnership with the Northside Elementary PAC, will continue collecting aluminum can tabs for the Shriners' Hospitals for Children until April 1.

Please save your aluminum can tabs and send them in with your child. The money earned from this recycling program is used to buy both medical and non-medical items for children: chairs, arts and crafts supplies, X-ray viewing screens, cast cutters with vacuum attachments, laryngoscopes, and other needed items.

The Northside PAC serves the North Intermediate and Woburn Street elementary schools. Donation boxes are located in the front foyer of each school.

~Dear Members of the Wilmington Community~ From Superintendent of Schools William H. McAlduff, Jr.

"The Wilmington Public School system is in the process of creating a new strategic plan for the school system," he writes. "The School Department wishes to develop a truly innovative and integrated plan that will guide the system over the next five years. Strategic planning is designed to deal with change and the identification of new directions that will ensure future success. The intent of the WPS strategic plan will be to identify the

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major objectives of the Wilmington Public Schools."

McAlduff invites you to attend a community forum to hear the results of focus group meetings and to give you a chance to share your hopes and dreams for the Wilmington Public Schools. The meeting will take place on March 28 in the Wilmington Middle School cafe.

from Assistant Superintendent Joanne Benton, a message with the following subject: "Fund for Teachers - our Valentine to you!!!"

"Looking for something to do during February vacation... how about applying for a Fund for Teacher Grant?" asks Benton.

And this vacation homework

development dreams. These grants will be awarded to Wilmington teachers who work with students in grades K - 12 and have a minimum of three years teaching experience. Participants are selected based on how their proposed summer activity will make the applicant a better teacher, how improved skills and capacity will be implemented in the classroom and how his or her improved skills or capacity will benefit his or her students, curricula and school.

Teachers with questions are invited to contact Benton.

~Of course, what else?~

Wilmington High has already begun the course selection process for the 2006-2007 school year with the annual Program of Studies Night for parents of current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. A separate night will be held in March for parents of current 8th grade students planning to attend the high school.

~Vacation homework: tune in, and 'Act FAST'~

"Stroke is the leading cause of adult disability in the United States and the third leading cause of death," reports Wilmington Schools Nurse Leader Dorothy Crowe. "Disability and death can be prevented with early treatment, but only if loved ones and caregivers learn to recognize the sometimes subtle symptoms of stroke, and call 9-1-1 at the first sign."

To prevent severe impairments caused by stroke, Wilmington Public Schools Health Services Program and the Wilmington Board of Health are presenting The Stroke Heroes Act FAST program on local cable TV. The program uses the FAST acronym: Face, Arm, Speech, and Time to call 9-1-1 to teach the signs of stroke. FAST users can recognize 75% of strokes as they occur.

The Stroke Heroes Act FAST program engages audiences of all backgrounds and ages. The centerpiece of the program, a lively, three-minute music video combines a catchy song and animated characters to teach symptoms and drive home the message: at any sign of stroke, call 9-1-1! Become a Stroke Hero: check WCTV's schedule for program times.

Everything matters when it comes to schools. If you'd like to read about your favorite school, student, or teacher, please send school newsletters, announcements, and other relevant information to Phyllis Nissen, "School Matters," Wilmington Town Crier, 104 Lowell St., Wilmington, MA 01887 or, better yet, to schooltowns@comcast.net. We welcome student writing and kidbits so cute they must be shared.



Guest host Steve Bjork gets to know the crowd during last Thursday's Made in the Shade concert.

(Paul Chinappi photo)

teria at 7:00 p.m.

William Allen, a consultant from Future Management Systems will lead the discussion toward the end product: a three-to-five-year strategic plan, with emphasis on testing and validating current strategies, and developing standards

might be its own reward.

The Wilmington Education Foundation Fund for Teachers Program, according to Benton, is a foundation whose mission is to enrich the lives of school teachers and students by providing outstanding teachers with recognition and opportuni-



Made in the Shade struts their stuff in front of an elated audience at the Townwide Enrichment Committee sponsored jazz concert.

(Paul Chinappi photo)

and measures for assessing quality and progress toward operations goals.

"I hope," says McAlduff, "you will join us in this very important work."

~Granting wishes, a valentine for teachers~

In their mailboxes on Valentine's Day, Wilmington teachers received applications for the Wilmington Education Foundation's Fund for Teachers program; and in their e-mailboxes the day before,

ties for summer learning and exploration. Making a difference one teacher at a time, Fund for Teachers provides funds for direct grants to teachers to support summer sabbaticals of their own design. The Fund for Teachers in partnership with the Wilmington Education Foundation is being introduced this year.

"The Fund for Teachers," reads the invitation (in red and white) will enable some of you to fulfill your professional

St. John's Preparatory School announces academic honors for second quarter

DANVERS - St. John's Preparatory School recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the second quarter of the 2005-2006 school year. Students who qualified for the Headmaster's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the Principal's List for the 2nd Quarter 2005-2006:

Wilmington
Justin Colella '08
Justin DiRienzo '09
Paul Fortin '09
Patrick Ryan '07
The following students were named to the Honor Roll for the 2nd Quarter 2005-2006:
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A new tax assistant Carol Beaulieu, along with Ralph Luongo, will be helping Tewksbury Senior Citizens with their tax returns. Both assistants will be at the Senior Center one day a week. You may call Carol Hazel to have your name put on the list for an appointment.

March is Colorectal Screening Month and Meg Lemire-Berthol, MSN will be coming to the Senior Center on Friday, March 10th at 9:00 to speak about early detection. All are welcome to attend this informational meeting.

At the present time there are only 2 tables left for the yard sale to be held on March 11th. Table space is available at \$15 for a table. This event is held rain or shine. To purchase a table one may stop by the Senior Center at 460 East Street.

The Trash & Treasure Art Class has been cancelled due to

lack of sign ups. If you are interested you may call Carol Hazel at the Senior Center and she will keep a list of names and telephone numbers to see if there is any interest in the future.

A day trip to Foxwoods Casino has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 21st. The cost is still \$20 per person. Registration for this trip will begin on Monday, February 27th at 8:00 a.m.

Just a reminder for those wishing to take Oil painting classes with Artist, Eileen Griffin. Please call Carol Hazel to place your name of the class list. The fee for a 10 week

semester is \$80 per person. Classes will begin on April 3rd. The following Red Hat events are scheduled for the up-coming months:

- Wednesday, March 22nd, Soup and Sandwich night at the Elks Hall, 5:30 p.m. with a Presentation on Emergency Preparedness & Canadian Dice - \$6 per person.

- Saturday, June 24th - Newport Flower Show/Rosecliff Mansion & lunch at the Atlantic Beach Club - \$69 per person - Deposits of \$29 are now being accepted.

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Tewksbury Police Log

Monday,
February
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2:16 a.m. Malden Police Department requested assistance regarding a shooting that occurred in their town. Four Tewksbury units responded.

5:50 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 600 Woburn Street.

9:00 a.m. Motor vehicle accident in the vicinity of 1244 Whipple Road. No injuries reported.

9:34 a.m. Police responded to Stadium Plaza at 10 Main Street for a report of shoplifting.

12:35 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 623 Main Street.

1:30 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 1900 Main Street.

2:57 p.m. Police responded to the Caswell Motel at 450 Main Street for a report of suspicious persons in a guest room. The persons in question fled the room through a rear window, but were intercepted by officers across the street.

8:12 p.m. A caller reported seeing a male on the ground in the vicinity of Shawsheen Street and Reagan Road. MedFlight was contacted, but cancelled enroute. The victim was transported to Saints Memorial Medical Center.

Kuis Alberto Rodriguez, 20, of Worcester, was arrested on the basis of a warrant.

Tuesday, February 14

7:20 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 401 Main Street.

2:39 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Berkley Street.

6:16 p.m. A motor vehicle-

related accident occurred in the vicinity of 896 Main Street.

8:24 p.m. A residence on Greenwood Avenue was burglarized.

Wednesday February 15

5:10 a.m. A caller reported that a male exposed himself at the Dunkin Donuts located at 381 Main Street.

8:36 a.m. The taillights of a car parked at a residence on Carnation Drive were vandalized overnight.

11:03 a.m. A caller reported that a young boy was walking down the middle of Main Street. Officers returned the boy to Ryan Elementary School.

1:27 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 361 Main Street.

4:14 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Lowe Street.

7:15 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Archstone Avenue.

Thursday February 16

8:37 p.m. Police responded to a report of an upset customer of an establishment in the vicinity of 1900 Main Street.

11:37 a.m. The Tewksbury Public Library on Chandler Street was vandalized.

Friday, February 17

12:42 p.m. A tree fell on a car in the vicinity of 434 North Billerica Road. No injuries were reported.

12:43 p.m. Police received a call of a tree and live wires down in the vicinity of 183 Kendall Road.

12:50 p.m. Police received a call of a tree down and blocking the road in the vicinity of 969 Chandler Street.

1:14 p.m. A tree was reported

down on a Main Street residence.

2:34 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 7 Pondview Lane.

2:47 p.m. A Marston Street resident reported a tree down in the road. Officers responding to the scene reported live wires down in a nearby yard.

3:18 p.m. A Michael Street resident reported that a tree fell on two cars in his driveway.

4:57 p.m. A Main Street business reported wires sparking and smoking.

Jose Luis Soto, 25 of 776 Broadway, Lowell, was arrested in the vicinity of 875 East Street on the basis of a warrant.

A 17-year old Tewksbury youth was arrested and charged with domestic assault and battery.

Saturday February 18

1:33 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on County Road.

2:15 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 940 Andover Street. Officers requested an EMS response. Injured party was MedFlighted to Boston Medical Center.

8:45 a.m. The rear window of a car parked on Maple Road was smashed overnight.

Carl D. Giannelli, 22, of Tewksbury, was arrested in the vicinity 90 Trull Road and was charged with disorderly conduct on a public conveyance.

Sunday, February 19

6:39 p.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Boston Road.

Sarom Ou, 25 of Lowell, was arrested in the vicinity of 2 Clark Road on the basis of a warrant.



Wilmington Police Log

Monday,
February
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2:08 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 590 Woburn Street.

11:31 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 433 Main Street.

2:49 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 399 Shawsheen Avenue.

Carlos Bittencourt, 31, of High Street in Malden, was arrested in the vicinity of 390 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

Tuesday, February 14

10:59 a.m. Police responded to Wilmington High School to remove Joseph Powers, 20, for disrupting a school assembly.

While being removed, he threatened the school principal.

12:18 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 945 Main Street.

Thomas Breen, 31, of Billerica, was stopped by police in the vicinity of 945 Main Street and was issued a summons for operating an unregistered motor vehicle and for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

DonMarie Barradas, 24, of Tewksbury, was stopped by police in the vicinity of 280 Salem Street and was issued a summons for the unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and failing to inspect a motor vehicle.

Wednesday, February 15

1:24 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 581 Main Street.

4:03 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Lowell Street and Woburn Street.

4:27 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Richmond Street and Main Street.

5:48 p.m. An assault and battery occurred on Kiernan Avenue.

Michelle LeBlanc, 24, of Lowell, was stopped by police in the vicinity of 1 Pine Avenue and was issued a summons for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license and for failing to inspect a motor vehicle.

A 17-year old Wilmington youth was arrested in the vicinity of 150 Middlesex Avenue and was charged with assault by means of a dangerous weapon and being a minor in possession.

Thursday, February 16

12:21 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred at the intersection of Route 125 and Andover Street.

2:05 p.m. A business on Fordham Road was burglarized, resulting in the loss of a laptop computer.

2:31 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 55 Adams Street.

9:07 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 208 Main Street.

Kelly Murray, 38, of Wilmington, was arrested in the vicinity of 64 Glen Road and was charged with his 7th offense of operating a motor vehicle after the revocation of his driver's license, having an open container of alcohol in a moving motor vehicle, and illegally possessing a Class D substance.

Friday, February 18

9:00 a.m. Police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Church Street. A 16-year old male was arrested at the scene and was charged with malicious damage and intimidation of a witness.

10:43 a.m. Ten reels of copper wire were stolen from a business on Main Street.

11:05 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in

the vicinity of 72 High Street.

2:02 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 128 West Street.

9:01 p.m. A Nextel phone was stolen from a business at 281 Main Street.

Saturday, February 19

8:30 a.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 500 Salem Street.

12:01 p.m. Malicious damage to a vehicle was reported on Carter Lane.

12:55 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 212 Main Street.

2:18 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 327 Woburn Street.

3:15 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 2 Reading Avenue.

Matthew Bayles, 22, of Woburn, was arrested in the vicinity of 130 Shawsheen Avenue and was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license, failure to use turn signal, failure to stop for a police officer, operating to endanger, and stop sign and marked lanes violations.

Sunday, February 12

1:45 p.m. A motor vehicle-related accident occurred in the vicinity of 13 Emerson Street.

4:25 p.m. Domestic assault and battery was reported on Veranda Avenue and an ambulance was requested.

Heather DesMarais, 25, of Highland Avenue in Salem, was arrested in the vicinity of 777 Main Street and was charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, having an open container in a moving motor vehicle, and failing to stay within marked lanes of travel.

Brian Sheehy at 978-790-5707 or historyball@yahoo.com or on the web at www.essexbaseball.org

Wilmington "Good Guy" award nominations

The "Good Guy" Committee is looking for a deserving person in our community to honor as this year's "Good Guy" recipient. This event, the 38th annual, is designed to honor that person (non-political) male or female who goes beyond the

normal call of duty to make our community a better place in which to live.

If you know of anyone whom you feel should be deserving of this award, please help the Committee by submitting your nomination, with the reasons

you feel this individual should be so rewarded, to the "Good Guy" Committee, P.O. Box 443, Wilmington, MA 01887.

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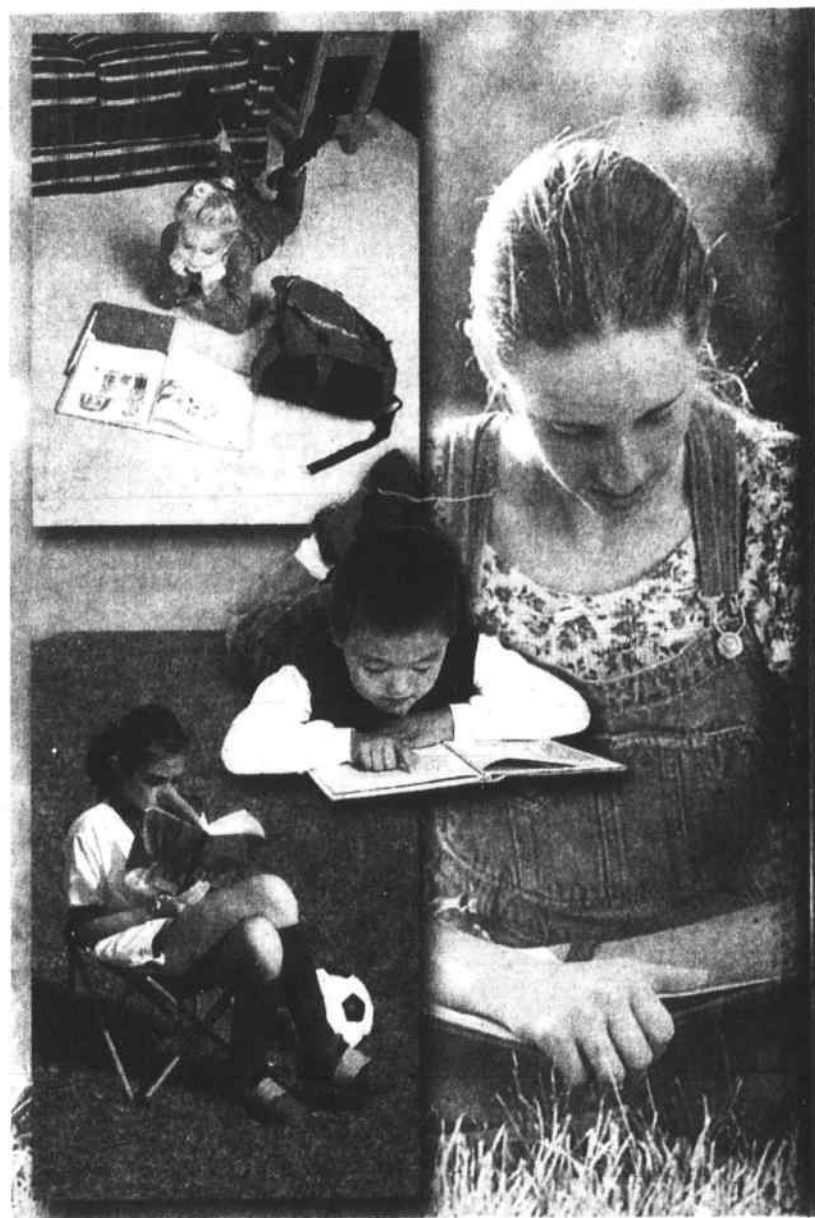
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From the Superintendent's desk

By Christine L. McGrath

By: Christine L. McGrath
Superintendent of Schools
The Mid-Year Report details the progress of the Tewksbury Public Schools in meeting the 2005-2006 system wide goals. The Tewksbury School Committee and the administrative team developed these goals in June 2005. The School Committee formally adopted these goals on July 27, 2005. These goals represent the fourth year effort on the current five-year strategic plan for the school district. The report includes four major areas: curriculum and instruction, school and community, school resources and program improvement.

The work in the area of curriculum and instruction includes the expansion of the practice of differentiated instruction in the classrooms and training for administrators on the techniques of supervising teachers who use differentiated instruction. In addition we are examining a new elementary phonics programs, learning the techniques of "Hands on Equations" for teachers in grades five through eight, and implementing the TERC math program in grade three.

We continue to address the social studies program with a new year long program for the kindergarten students, curriculum alignment at all grade levels

els and the use of new tryout questions in grade eleven in preparation for the new MCAS



assessment. The middle school is working on improving student ability in using context cues and vocabulary skills in reading and on improving math skills especially for students with special needs.

Efforts in the area of school and community include the continued work of the district security team in planning for a second emergency simulation. The School Committee adopted a new procedure to increase our efforts on behalf of chronically truant students. We are also increasing the number of events that welcome the community into our schools.

The school resource section

focuses on the tracking of school maintenance services through a database, training for faculty on a newly expanded email system and continued work of the Tewksbury Memorial High School Facilities Sub-Committee and work with the Long Term School Space Study Committee.

The program improvement section reflects our commitment to accountability. We have trained additional faculty and administration of the use of Test Wiz to carefully analyze student performance on the MCAS. We are preparing for the Educator Quality Audit now scheduled for October 2006 and we successfully hosted a team from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges leading to the continued accreditation of Tewksbury Memorial High School.

We are proud of the work that we have accomplished during the first half of the 2005-2006 school year and we are pleased to share this work in this report. We look forward to continuing this effort during the remaining months of this school year.

Copies of this report can be obtained by contacting the office of the Superintendent of Schools 978-640-7800 or online at www.mec.edu/tewksbury/.



The Wilmington Rotary Club presented a check to the Wilmington School System in the amount of \$24,000 from the Rotary Club's "Wilmington Round Table Foundation." The funds will be used to purchase various learning tools for 84 classrooms to aid in the instruction of reading for grades K-5. Pictured above, Wilmington Superintendent of Schools William McAlduff accepts the check with appreciation from Wilmington Rotary Club President John Doherty.

(Stephen Bjork photo)

New Strategic plan for Wilmington Schools

The Wilmington Public School system is the process of creating a new strategic plan for the school system. The School Department wishes to develop a truly innovative and integrated plan that will guide the system over the next five years. Strategic planning is designed to deal with change and the identification of new directions that will ensure future success. The intent of the WPS strategic plan will be to identify the major objectives of the Wilmington Public Schools.

I am writing to you today to invite you to attend a Community Forum on March 28th, 2006 to hear the results of

our focus group meetings and to give you a chance to share your hopes and dreams for the Wilmington Public Schools. The meeting will take place at the Wilmington Middle School in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The school department has enlisted the assistance of William Allen, a consultant from Future Management Systems who will

lead the discussion. The end product will be a 3-5 year strategic plan, with emphasis on testing and validating current strategies, and developing standards and measures for assessing quality and progress toward operations goals. I hope you will join us in this very important work.

MassBank to hold first time home buyers seminar

A panel of professionals will be featured at a FREE First Time Homebuyers Seminar which will be held on Thursday, March 16, 2006 at the Best Western Lord Wakefield Hotel, 565 North Ave., in Wakefield. The seminar, which is sponsored by MassBank, begins at 7:00 p.m. and will include an attorney, real estate broker, a banker and a home inspector. Attendees will receive information on buying versus renting, determining how much house

they can afford, finding the right house and legal concerns. Also covered will be the affordable housing opportunities and bank financing. To make a reservation or for more information on this free seminar contact MassBank's Joana Gutierrez at 978-446-3635.

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Peter Carter of "Curious Creatures" recently visited the 2nd grade classroom of Tricia Coffill's at the Woburn Street School as part of the Mystery Reader Program. Maeve Sullivan, Elisabeth Olson, Zachary Rourke and Eric Steeves were brave enough to hold "Custard" the Albino Python. Maureen Lamoureux photo

Agreement reached between Wilmington Schools and Teachers Association

The Wilmington School Committee and the Wilmington Teachers Association have agreed to terms for a new Collective Bargaining Agreement. A settlement was reached, after 14 months of negotiations with the assistance of a mediator that both parties brought to the table. The two sides acknowledged that the length of the negotiations went

beyond what was originally hoped for but that the extended discussions were thoughtful, cooperative, and informative.

The Wilmington School Committee and the Wilmington Teachers Association also acknowledged that in uncertain economic times it is better, in the end, to conduct as thorough a process as possible and that the settlement reflected a

mutual understanding of current conditions. Terms of the settlement reflect a three year contract retroactive to September 1, 2005 and continuing through August 31, 2008. The contract calls for a 7.5% increase in salaries over the three year period with a 2.5% increase in year 1, a 2.0% increase in year two and a 3.0% increase in year three.



Billy Novick(reeds), Crick Diefendorf(strings), "The Tubanator"(tuba), Dan Fox(trombone)
(Paul Chinappi photo)

Photo restoration presentation at Harnden Tavern, March 5th

Sunday, March 5, 2006, 2:00 p.m. at the Wilmington Town Museum at the Col. Joshua Harnden Tavern.

The Wilmington Historical Commission presents Mike Tredeau, specialist in photo restoration. Mr. Tredeau will discuss the history of photography and talk about how the latest technology has changed photo restoration and, in some cases, given us a new window

on the past.

For more details, call the

Wilmington Town Museum at 978-658-5475.

Rep Miceli to hold office hours

Representative James Miceli will be holding office hours for the Town of Tewksbury, Monday February 27th from 9:30 - 11 a.m. at the Wilmington Senior Center and also from 7:30 - 9 p.m. at the Wilmington Town Hall.

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Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

How has the library changed your life?

American Library Association partners with Woman's Day

Libraries can change lives. They are places of lifelong learning and opportunity that can help people discover the world. This spring, the Wilmington Memorial Library, the American Library Association and Woman's Day magazine want to know how the library has changed the lives of the people in our community. From now until May 10, anyone who has a story to tell about how the library has changed his or her life can send it to womansdaywala.org. Four of the stories will be featured in an upcoming issue of Woman's Day. The story must be 700 words or less. The initiative is part of a program sponsored by the American Library Association and Woman's Day magazine called "Put it in Writing: a your library," a part of The Campaign for America's Libraries. The Campaign is a multi-year public awareness and advocacy campaign designed to promote the value of public school, academic and special libraries and librarians in the 21st century.

Jane Austen's language

If you are reading *Pride and Prejudice* with Wilmington's Jane Austen's Book Club and finding the language and writing style a little difficult, fans indicate that it is worth "sticking with it." A reviewer from Davis, California makes the following comments on Amazon.com: "The language that the novel is written in might be a little more difficult to read than contemporary literature, but once one gets accustomed to it, it makes the

novel even more pleasurable. I cannot imagine Elizabeth or Darcy or Bingley or any of the other characters speaking any less eloquently; it would ruin the whole experience! The flowery language completes the whole effect of reading a Jane Austen novel."

Novel compared to Movie

The first program in Wilmington's Jane Austen Book Club will be the showing of the movie adaptation of the novel *Pride and Prejudice* starring Keira Knightly on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. Bring something comfortable to sit on and join us for the Wilmington premier of this movie that has received Academy Award nominations for original musical score, leading actress, costume design and art direction. The library also has the A & E adaptations of *Pride and Prejudice* starring Colin Firth on DVD and the video "Vintage Classic" adaptation starring Greer Garson and Laurence Olivier.

Women's Club met at the Library

Linda Callahan, Head of Reference and Adult Services presented a "book talk" to the Wilmington Women's Club at its February meeting at the library on Thursday, February 16th. The following are some of the books she recommended:

A Great Deliverance by Elizabeth George - a mystery set in London that won numerous awards in the United States and Europe.

The Blue Flower by Penelope Fitzgerald - a romantic novel set in 18th century Germany.

The Heart is a Lonely Hunter

by Carson McCullers - story of five misfits living in the South in the late 1930's.

Out of the Silent Planet by C. S. Lewis - first novel of a science fiction space trilogy by the author of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

Hidden Power: Presidential Marriages that Shaped our History by Kari Marton - an inside look at how these relationships influenced policy making.

Prince of Thieves by Chuck Hogan - Charlestown thieves and a romance with the hostage make a great thriller.

The Color of Water: a Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother by James McBride - a personal story of the author whose mother was a white Polish Jew who married a black man from North Carolina.

Jane Austen's three novels *Pride and Prejudice*, *Emma* and *Sense and Sensibility* were also recommended.

Teen Comics Club

This informal club for teens will meet on Monday, February 27 at 7 p.m. If you are into manga, anime, comic books, and graphic novels, stop by the library for this meeting. Come check out the hundreds of manga and graphic novels we have and watch episodes of anime. All teens who show up get a chance to win a free DVD and comic book (donated by the Friends of the Library).

Upcoming Children's Programs

Children's Movie Night

Showing on Wednesday, March 8th at 6 p.m. will be the movie based on the best-selling children's book by J. K.

Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*. Bring something comfortable to sit on—free lemonade and popcorn will be served. Rated: PG-13.

Star Mag Meeting

Kids ages eight and older are invited to drop-in on Wednesday, March 8th at 3:30 p.m. with their finished original artwork, puzzles, poems, comics, jokes, etc., as contributions to the spring issue of the magazine written by, for and about kids, and published by the library. Refreshments will be served and a door prize will be awarded.

Book Discussions

Join children ages seven and older for their book discussion of *A Case for Jenny Archer* by Ellen Conford to be held on Friday, March 3rd at 3:30 p.m. A light snack will be provided. *So You Want to Be a Wizard* by Diane Duane will be discussed by children ages nine and older on Friday, March 10th at 3:30 p.m. Copies of the books may be reserved by visiting or calling the Children's Room at (978) 694-2098. Drop-in for discussion, snacks, and a door prize, provided by the Friends of the Library.

Register your child for Preschool Story Times

Registration is under way for preschool story times at the library. Introduce your young child to books, flannel board stories, songs, circle games and finger plays. Registration for the following programs may be made in person by visiting the Children's Room or by calling (978) 694-2098.

Local librarian lands in jail!

That will be the headline later this month, all for a good cause.

The Tewksbury Public Library is participating in the Muscular Dystrophy

Association's Tewksbury Lock Up fundraiser on Tuesday, February 28. The Library's Assistant Director, Emily Classon, will be "arrested" on behalf of the Public Library for the "crime" of caring about this community. Help the Library post Emily's bail while raising money to help Tewksbury and Wilmington residents with muscular dystrophy.

With the funds raised, the MDA will help local families by providing assistance with wheelchairs, braces, clinics and summer camps for kids. MDA also funds research grants to help find treatments and cures for 43 neuromuscular diseases that affect people of all ages. A donation of \$63 funds one minute of research.

A donation of \$600 sends a child to Muscular Dystrophy Association summer camp for a week. The MDA has set Emily's

bail at \$1,200.00. The organization will be able to send two kids to summer camp in the name of the Tewksbury Public Library because of Emily's efforts.

Any amount helps the cause, and local residents are being asked to help with this fundraiser.

Tax-deductible donations will be collected at the Library until Lock Up Day, February 28. Cash, money orders, or checks (made out to Muscular Dystrophy Association) will be accepted. Donations may be dropped off at the public library during normal hours of operation, or mailed to the library at 300 Chandler Street in Tewksbury. To make an online payment with a credit card, follow the Lock Up Day link to the MDA site from the public library's web page, www.tewksburypl.org.

On behalf of the library trustees and staff, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association, thanks for your support!



Rachel and Rebecca Lord serving in the Army

"And so, my fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." - JFK

I'm sure many of us have heard or read that quote before, countless numbers of times, but how many of you have asked yourself what you could do for your country?

Some of us have, and taken action just like the two Wilmington youths, Rachel and Rebecca Lord. (Rebecca was Shawsheen Tech Valedictorian)

The two girls have a lot going for them. Rachel is earning her degree in Psychology focusing in Human services while keeping a part-time job and being involved in her hobby of drag racing.

Rebecca has a Bachelor's degree in Biology and keeps two part time jobs. Both being very active and busy people, they made a very commendable choice that would change their lives forever.

In the summer of 2004, Rachel and Rebecca made the bold decision to join the Army

Reserves. They were sent away to boot camp, where they spent 12 weeks with a highly regimented schedule and rigorous workouts. Those rigorous workouts consisted of 5-mile runs, many different obstacle courses and technical fighting with other people in their unit. The two graduated from boot camp at the end of summer in 2004. The following year they would go back to AIT training.

In September of 2005, the two Lords were called away once again for their AIT training. Aside from the usual physical activities that they would do daily, the girls would go to school for Fuel Supply. Many hours were spent in the classroom studying this job for the military and then finally, in December, both girls graduated from AIT training with the knowledge they would need to help our country.

What's next for these girls? They're going away for more training and then to defend the ground that you're standing on right now.



Tewksbury Library Notes

by Elisabeth DesMarais

Jennifer Haigh; author visit and book signing

The Tewksbury Public Library is pleased to welcome Jennifer Haigh for an author visit and book signing on Monday evening, March 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the library's first floor meeting room.

Jennifer Haigh, a Massachusetts resident, is known for her first novel, *Mrs. Kimble*, a PEN/Hemingway Award winner. Haigh was a finalist for the Booksense Best Book of the Year Award and has published short stories in several journals and magazines.

At this March 20 event, Jennifer Haigh will discuss her experiences writing her second novel, *Baker Towers*. *Baker Towers* describes a small, fic-

tional coal mining community in Pennsylvania between the years following World War II, when coal was king, through the Vietnam era, when other fuel sources prevailed. We are invited into the lives of the immigrant Novak family as they struggle and change along with their hometown of Bakerton. The story reveals the challenges for the five first-generation American Novak children who are raised alone by their Italian mother, Rose, after their father dies of a heart attack. Over the years, further difficulties arise in the form of employment strikes, war, and family and community obligations.

The five children, George,

Dorothy, Joyce, Sandy, and Lucy, choose different paths as they adjust to the realities of life in and outside Bakerton. Several of the siblings find freedom in military service and work, but the ties to home and family urge their return. The story describes the range of emotional experiences from the loss of their parents to the love in various relationships. The fate of each Novak child is intertwined with their roots in Bakerton, which they watch change from a thriving town into a faded landscape. The characters struggle to avoid suffering the same fate as that of their hometown.

Baker Towers is a touching story that is surprising in its depths of compassion and description of human nature. The Novak family is faced with many challenges that lead them to meet, exceed, and sometimes, fail our expectations. The women are faced to provide for themselves when the men are taken by death and war. The daughters are torn by obligations to marry and raise children, to raise money to support the family, and to become modern women. Alternatively, the sons, who are expected to work in the mines as generations of Bakerton men before them have done, are eager to run away into the arms of war, wealth, or a life with no obligations.

Haigh, the granddaughter of a coal miner, drew from her own family history to research this novel. She was raised listening

to stories about the postwar years and life as a coal miner. From personal interviews and research into old newspapers, Haigh learned what life was like for the people who lived in mining towns through the highs when coal was king and the lows once that lifestyle disappeared.

Haigh wrote *Baker Towers* over three years, but she had been inspired by the idea before writing her first novel, *Mrs. Kimble*.

Join the Tewksbury Public Library in welcoming Jennifer Haigh on Monday, March 20 at 7:00 p.m. The author will discuss her writing process, *Baker Towers*, and answer questions from the audience. After the presentation, she will be available for book signing. Barnes & Noble Downtown Lowell will provide copies of the book for sale.

Register for this exciting event at the Reference Desk or by calling 978-640-4490 ext. 207.

The public library's web page, www.tewksburypl.org, is updated on a regular basis and contains a wealth of information. Check out the site for news of special events such as this author visit, holiday closing schedules, changes in hours of operation, dates for the library's monthly used book sales and other services. The calendar feature shows at a glance the wide variety of programs and special events at the public library. Check it out!

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The Wilmington Police Honor Guard stands witness to the promotions of three Wilmington officers during the swearing in ceremony held last Friday afternoon. Sgt. Brian Pupa, Lt. Joe Desmond, and Deputy Chief Robert Richter were honored.

(Paul Chinappi photo)

Through the ranks

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to Lieutenant in 1999.

1983 Wilmington High School graduate Lieutenant Joseph Desmond was appointed to the department in 1988. In addition to patrol and Honor Guard duties, Desmond also supervised the bike unit. Joe graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University and holds a

Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Massachusetts.

Sergeant Brian Pupa was appointed to the department in 1997. He worked patrol on the 12:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. shift. He served as the Community Policing coordinator for the department, where he performed yeoman's work servicing the youngest members of our communi-

ty as the car seat safety technician and the oldest members as a member of the Elderly Services Unit. Brian holds his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Criminal Justice from Suffolk University.

Town Manager Michael Caira expressed his pleasure at being present at the event.

"When I look at all of the officers, I am pleased to note that I have

been privileged to work with each of them in various capacities," Caira said. "All of these police officers give an appointing authority like me a very unique challenge, but a wonderful challenge. It's like having two great short stops or two great pitchers when you have the ability to choose from outstanding people. You know that you can never go wrong."

Town Clerk Kay Scanlon administered the oath of office and the officers' wives pinned their husbands with their new badges.

"What we do here today is a commitment to the officers, to the department and to the families," said Begonis. "I appreciate everything these gentlemen have done. I am very, very proud to be recognized as the leader of these men."



Meet Wilmington's Joe Bayles

The town's resident auctioneer

By VICTORIA ELLSWORTH

WILMINGTON - Have you ever wondered if those knick knacks gathering dust are collectibles in disguise? Have you often suspected that old chest of drawers is really a valuable antique? Have you wished that you knew someone who could help you clear out Mom and Dad's attic as they move to a smaller house? Joe Bayles would be the man to call.

Wilmington-resident Bayles has been an auctioneer and appraiser for over 20 years. Licensed and bonded with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Bayles has a keen eye for what's treasure and what's trash.

"I'm a collector myself," Bayles said. "I collect items such as door stops, advertising thermometers, old signs and Black Americana."

Collecting appears to be a family affair.

"My wife, Denise collects dolls and children's prints," Bayles said. "My daughter Jenn collects Shelley bone

china and my son, Joe, is interested in pottery and postcards. And I've always like buying and selling."

So he expanded a much-loved hobby into a family business.

"Joey does all of the heavy lifting and packing," Bayles said. "Jenn works at the store and takes care of all of the paperwork."

"We offer a number of services including personal appraisals, probate appraisals, auctioneering, house cleanouts, estate purchases and sales. We will take your goods on consignment and sell them either at auction or in our store, the Woburn Center Thrift Store. When all is said and done and you don't know how to get rid of what's left, we offer trash removal service."

Joe holds public auctions, on average, three times a year.

"These are really exciting," Bayles said. "There's always a surprise at an auction. You never really know what will sell and what price they'll command. I once had a real-

ly beat up, filthy rug that I would have thrown away, but it was purchased by a man for \$4,700. As it turned out, this rug was actually a very rare Turkish oriental. We have all kinds of things - paintings, old toys, antique furniture, Roseville pottery. What we don't sell at auction or through the store, we will either return to the owner or donate to charity."

And speaking of charity, Bayles gives much of his time doing appraisals and benefit auctions for places like the Tewksbury Senior Center, the Billerica Library and the Chelmsford Art Society.

"In fact, we raised \$7,800 at an auction held to benefit the very first Kidsplace/Shawsheen School playground here in Wilmington back in 1988," Bayles said. "I'd be more than happy to help out with that effort again."

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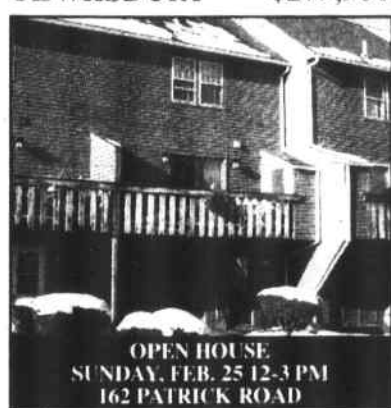
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The Exalted Ruler, Harry See, Trustee, Jerry Rudolph, Officer, John Hourihan, Lou Connolly,

Shawsheen and Woburn St Schools where the Superintendent from Wilmington, Mr. William McAlduff and the principals and teachers of each school were on hand. The next stop was the Tewksbury North Street School where Principal Kristan Rodriguez along with teachers and staff were present

have their own personal dictionary will certainly result in many students achieving greater academic success throughout their school years.

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School Committee

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ing year is to see a more equitable disbursement of State funds to the school district.

"The Town has been very gracious to the school system," said Cushing. "We haven't experienced the layoffs and cuts that other towns have. However, there are a lot of good things the current school administration wants to implement that they will not be able to without more

money."

Nomination papers are still available in the Town Clerk's office. Signatures of fifty registered voters are required. The deadline for filing the papers with the Board of Registrars is February 27, 2006. Papers must be picked up by the candidate or by a representative of the candidate who has a letter of authorization.



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Front row (l-r) Dylan Masiello, Cristina Cheng, Hamza Naveed, Ashley Weadick, Caroline Johnson, Chris Maenza. Back Row (l-r) School Principal Robert Arsenault, Elks Lodge Members John Hourihan, Jerry Rudolph, Wilmington Superintendent Bill McAlduff, Elks State President John Caputo, Elks Lodger Member Louis Connolly, Ass't Principal Frank Ferriero, and Henry See Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge 2070 (kneeling in front row!)

Photo by joebrownphotos.com

Lodge Public Relations Chairman along with the Massachusetts State Elks Association President, John Caputo speaking to the students, were on hand to make the presentation at the

for the dictionary distribution.

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Heroin

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"I would be very troubled if the first opportunity for an adult in this town to find out that there is a drug problem is when they read in the newspaper that a 17-year-old high school student died of a heroin overdose. I strongly encourage parents and other concerned adults to come to the upcoming Citizens Drug Recognition Academy - at least to the first night," said Neville. "Don't wait for the phone call at 2 a.m. that your son or daughter is down at the police station."

The Citizens Drug Recognition Academy, a five-part, adult-only course begins on Wednesday March 1, 2006 at 7:00pm to 9:00pm and continues each Wednesday evening through March 29, 2006 at the Wilmington Middle School Theater. To register for the program, send your name, address, age, and telephone number to Sgt. Brian Pupa at bpupa@town.wilmington.ma.us

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2006

Wilmington resident steps in ring for ninth time

Gonzalez doesn't back down in Saturday's bout

By STEPHEN BJORK

HARTFORD, CT. — Castulo Gonzalez, fighting out of Wilmington, took on Mike Oliver, fighting out of Hartford, Connecticut, for the vacant USBO Super Bantamweight Championship Belt Saturday night. The bout was the Co-fea-

ture of Mohegan Sun's latest boxing event, which was promoted by Cappello Promotions.

Gonzalez, with 7 wins and 1 loss going in, fought with heart, but in the end was not able to put a blemish on Oliver's unbeaten record of 11-0.

Gonzalez exhibited speed and toughness from the start, continually moving forward and pushing the action. Oliver wasn't backing-up, however, and managed to get the best of most of the exchanges, punishing Gonzales to the head and body.

Gonzalez had the upper hand briefly, when he appeared to stagger Oliver momentarily late in the 6th round.

Gonzalez was finally dropped by a combination of punches near the end of the 9th round of the scheduled 10. Referee Steve Smoger stepped in before administering a full ten-count and stopped the bout at 2:27 of round nine.

"The ref thought he stayed down, with his head down, too long," said trainer Alex Rivera after the fight.

Alex does not lack experience working the corner of professional fights. He has worked as an assistant trainer to two-time World Boxing Association Heavyweight Champion John Ruiz, of Chelsea, for several years.

According to Rivera, Gonzalez had been trained to focus his vision on one spot on the canvas after a knockdown while his equilibrium rights itself. Rivera believes his fighter would have been up to beat the ten-count if given the opportunity.

"That's okay, we have no complaints," Rivera said.

All three of the judges had Oliver way ahead at the time of the stoppage, with Gonzalez winning a single round on just two of the scorecards. Gonzalez, a 2003 Pan Am Games silver medalist, came to the United States from his home country of Guatemala two years ago and has made plenty of waves in the sport, being heralded as talented prospect in the featherweight division. He easily out-pointed Boston's Joey Ortega in his professional debut.

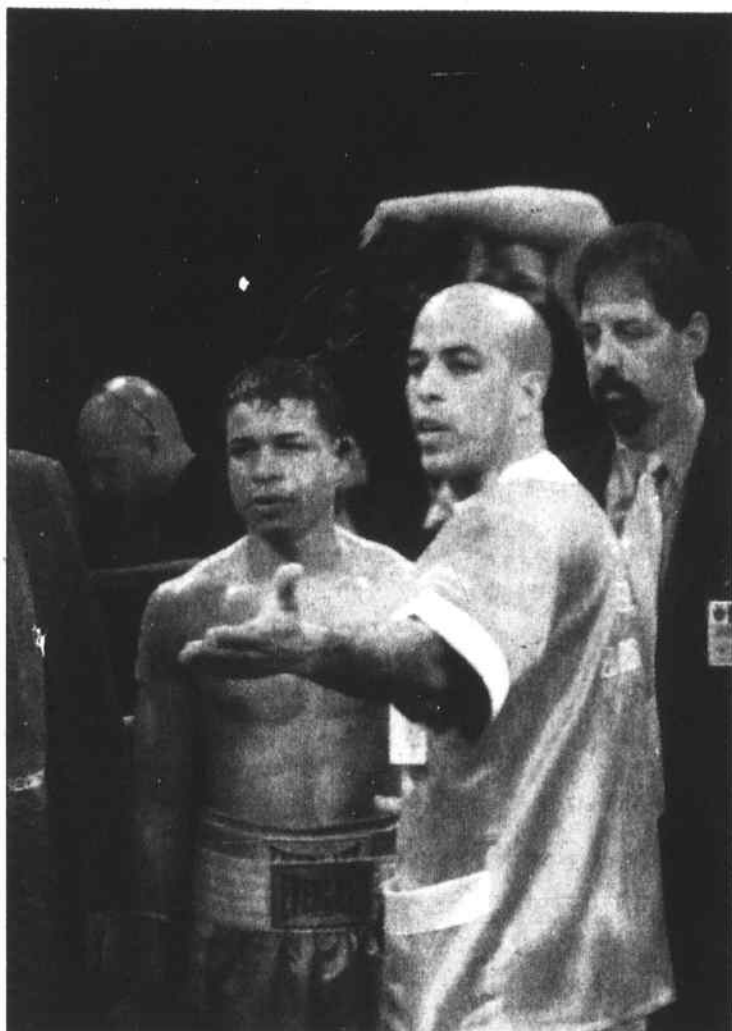
Four months later he dismantled William Foster. In a step up in class, Gonzalez scored an impressive second round knockout of Lowell's Jose Abel Ayala, and did so in front of Ayala's hometown crowd at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium.

Gonzalez next beat Cincinnati's Rashland Bland twice in the within the span of three weeks. In their first encounter, Bland weighed in at 13 pounds above the agreed upon weight, but Gonzalez stepped between the ropes anyway. Gonzalez's unbeaten streak was ended on July 29, 2005 by Jose Hernandez at Brockton's Campanelli Stadium by way of a unanimous decision.



Mike Oliver of Hartford, Ct., lands a punch against Wilmington's Castulo Gonzalez during a boxing match Saturday night held at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Connecticut. Oliver won the bout with a 9th round TKO.

(Stephen Bjork photo)



Wilmington resident Castulo Gonzalez stands with his trainer Alex Rivera following the 9th round stoppage in favor of Gonzalez' opponent Mike Oliver.

(Stephen Bjork photo)



Castulo never backed down from unbeaten Oliver going nine rounds during Saturday's match held at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Connecticut.

(Stephen Bjork photo)



Gonzalez now has a record of 7-2 in nine boxing matches and he's already looking forward to getting back in the ring for his next bout.

(Stephen Bjork photo)

The loss didn't sit well and Gonzalez made quick work of his next opponent, knocking out Corey Hope in two rounds.

In his next contest, Gonzalez was forced to dig deep to pull out a tight split decision against previously-unbeaten

Ramaz Gazashvili.

This latest loss at the hands of Oliver is only a momentary setback, according to the three Rivera brothers who train Gonzalez.

"It was a good fight, it was a tough fight," said Albert

Rivera. "We'll let him rest and then we come right back."

The Oliver vs. Gonzalez fight was part of an eight-fight boxing card promoted by Cappello Promotions featuring some of the area's most talented boxing stars.

Walsh and Kelly fall in state meet finals

Five wrestlers advance to all-states

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

For the first time under the direction of head coach Mike Pimental, the Wilmington High wrestling team will send five grapplers to this weekend's all-state meet which will take place at North Andover High beginning on Friday afternoon and ending with the finals on Saturday night at 7:00 pm.

Seniors Evan Walsh and Jon Kelly both finished second in their respective weight classes, losing in the finals during Saturday night's Division 3 state meet held at Foxboro High School.

Junior Nathan Mercer finished in fourth place, while seniors Nathan Clapp and Mike Sorrentino were fifth. Junior Ken Adams was one match away from placing posting two victories, while Jason Gustin had a win, and Brian Wilson and Ken Joyce competed but didn't come away with any wins.

Now Pimental will pack of the

wrestling van and take Walsh, Kelly, Sorrentino, Clapp and Mercer with him to North Andover High School.

"It's the most we've ever had," said Pimental. "Taking five guys to the all-state meet is something to be very proud of."

Walsh lost a true heartbreaker in the final of the 125-pound division. Tied at two with Todd Patterson of Frontier Regional, the two went into overtime when Patterson managed two points on a takedown to win, 4-2, in overtime.

"I thought Evan wrestled really well," said Pimental. "The kid was good on top, but Evan hung tough. He had a great tournament and that final match could have gone either way. He should be extremely proud that he's a sectional champion and a state finalist. There have been a lot of wrestlers who have come through this program who haven't been able to do that."

Walsh currently has 122 career victories, which ranks

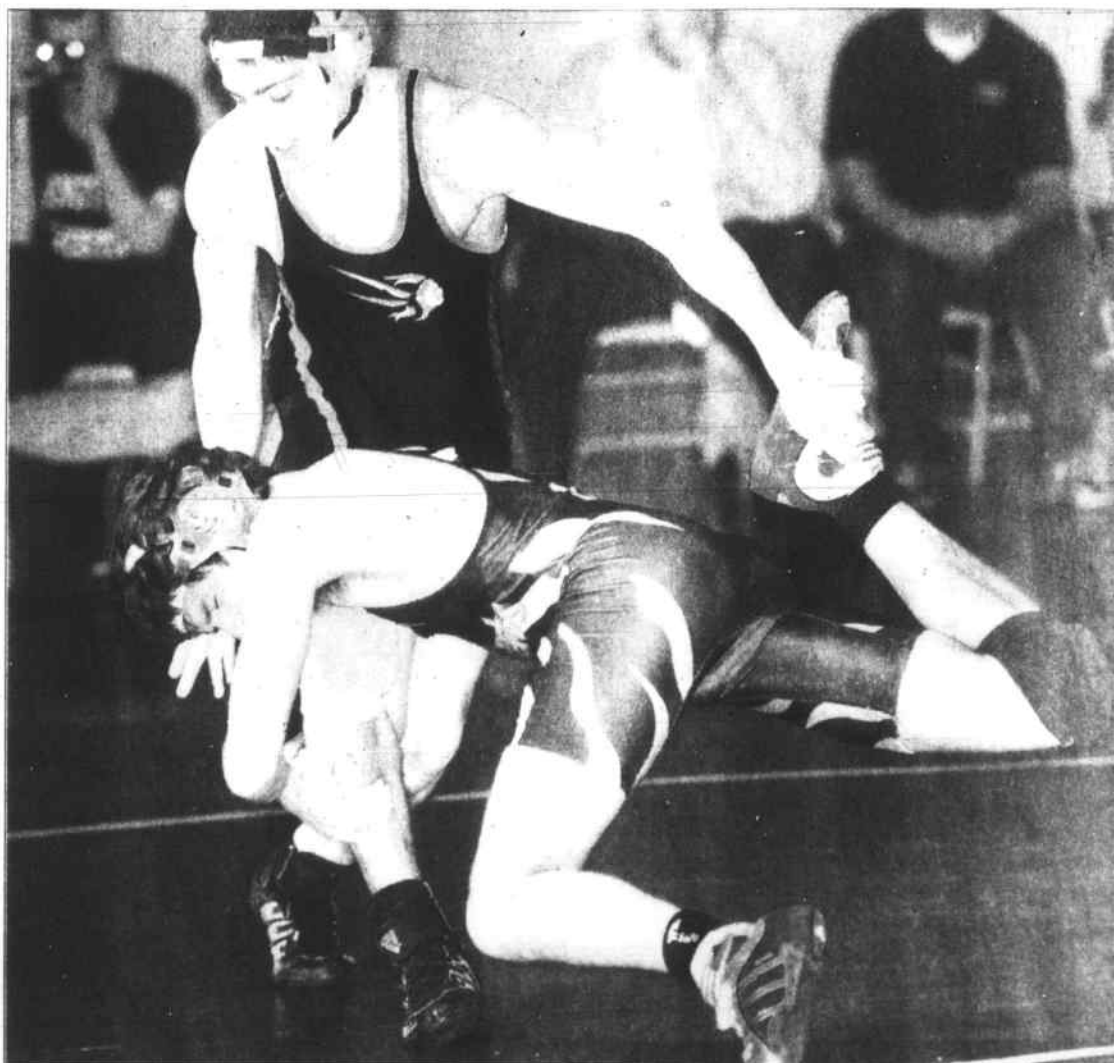
third on the program's all-time list.

Kelly was defeated at the sectional final by Burlington's Jon Cappello and after that match Pimental predicted that the two would meet up again for the state final. It did happen and Cappello went to 2-0 on the consecutive Saturday matches, this time winning by a pin.

"Jon knew what he was getting into when he faced him," said Pimental. "The kid is a tremendous wrestler. But Jon also had a great tournament. The highlight for him came in the semi-finals when he beat Tyler Wong of Weston, who was a state champion last year. I think that was Jon's championship match."

"Jon knew he had his work cut out for him against Cappello, and now he advances to next week where he hopes to place at the all-states."

Additional WHS Wrestling coverage on page SP7W



Senior Evan Walsh took second in the Division 3 state wrestling meet this past Saturday.

(JoeBrownphotos.com)

WHS Girls Basketball

Wildcats too much for Redmen and Royals

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

On back-to-back nights the Wilmington High girls basketball team defeated Tewksbury and Georgetown to improve to 15-4 overall with one game left on the schedule before Friday's Division 3 North sectional pairings are announced.

The Wildcats defeated Tewksbury, 52-38, last Wednesday night on the road, and then came back 24 hours later to defeat Georgetown by the same 52-38 score.

Wilmington has one game remaining on its schedule, a home contest Wednesday against Tewksbury while this paper was being printed. If the Cats can beat the Lady Redmen for the second time in seven days, they will most likely have the No. 3 seed in the tournament, which would guarantee two home playoff games should they make it that far.

In the two wins this week, Wilmington didn't play its smoothest of games. However, in the win over Georgetown, many of the starting players were in foul trouble, thus head coach Jay Keane was forced to go to the bench where he saw many players come through.

Alicia Murray, Lauren Hitchins, Katie Sullivan, Alyssa

Bibeau, Ashley Poirier and Brittany Winchell combined to score 14 points off the bench, many of them seemingly bit at the time, to help the 'Cats capture their seventh game in the past eight.

"Katie Sullivan has been working very hard at practice and we did get good minutes from her," said Keane. "The starters will either run out of gas or have a bad night, sometimes mixing it up a bit helps. Brittany Winchell got in there and got us a couple of big rebounds. Lauren Hitchins gave us some good minutes. That's important heading into the tournament knowing you have some players you can rely on off the bench."

Wilmington jumped out to a 12-2 lead over the Royals, before Georgetown answered with a 6-0 run closing the gap to four. Wilmington went back to a double digit lead when Brianne Bozzella converted on a lay-up after a steal, making it 20-10 with 6:29 to go in the half.

But then the 'Cats started to get into foul trouble. Junior center Ashley Vitale picked her third with six minutes to go and didn't come back into the game until 12:50 remaining in it. With less than three minutes to go in the half, sophomore Alyssa

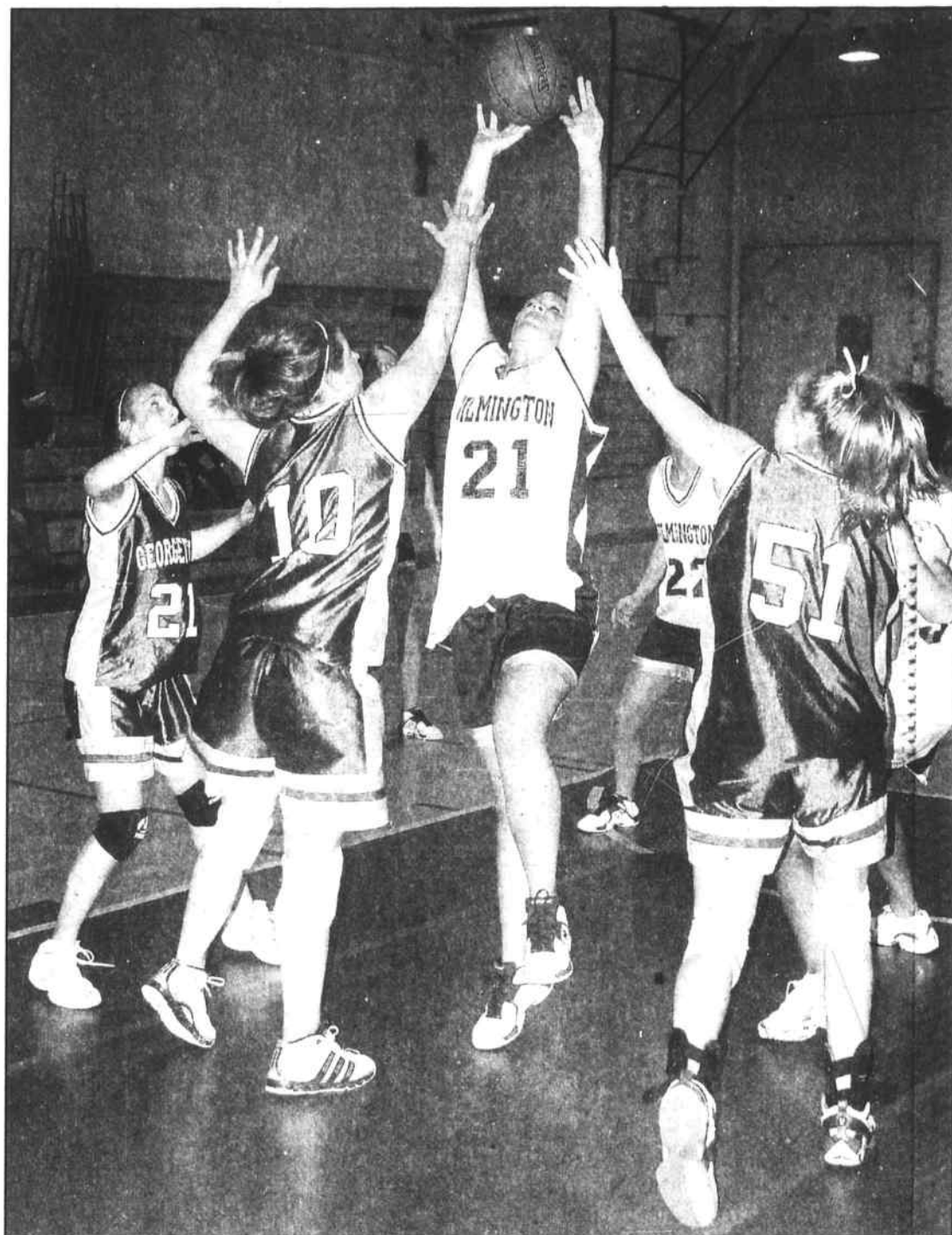
Brown picked up her third and fourth fouls coming within ten seconds of one another, forcing her to sit until the last nine minutes of the game.

"We played well early on but then we made some turnovers and started to play sloppy," said Keane. "Just like the Tewksbury game, our press kind of fell apart and we had to go to man-to-man and we actually played a little zone. But I wanted to keep Ashley out of foul trouble. We have to do a better job of rebounding. But we made some adjustments, got a nice comfortable lead and were able to come away with the win."

Georgetown was able to cut the lead down to five with 1:26 to go in the half until Bibeau and Poirier gave the 'Cats some breathing room converting on back-to-back field goals. Wilmington ended up leading by seven at the half.

Georgetown started the second half on a 6-0 run making it a one-point game and that's when Vitale went back to the floor. She helped get the energy back in the 'Cats scoring the first field goal of the second half on a nice dish from Sullivan. That started an 8-2

GIRLS HOOP PG SP8W



Sophomore Brittany Winchell grabs onto a rebound during Thursday night's win over Georgetown for the girls basketball team in front of the home crowd.

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Courtney Browne and Alyssa Bibeau

Co-captains big reason for turnaround

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

When Jay Keane was named the sixth Wilmington High girls basketball coach since 1993, he knew that he has some pretty good talent coming back from last year's 9-11 season. What he didn't know right away was the character inside that talent.

Now 19 games later and an incredible record of 15-4, this year's Wildcats team will be heading into the Division 3 North sectional tournament next week. And Keane said a lot of that success has to do with his two captains, Courtney Browne and Alyssa Bibeau.

"They are great leaders, both Courtney and Alyssa. All four seniors are very important to

this team," said Keane. "Being a new head coach, it's very important to have players with senior leadership abilities. They both are well liked, well respected and work hard every day. Every time I have an inquiry on the team, I address the captains and everything is taken care of."

"They are both outstanding people. Not just good basketball players, but they are good people, they are good kids and great students. They are outstanding captains. The kids voted for their captains and they made great choices with Courtney and Alyssa. If something needs to be said, they say it and that's their roles and they do a very good job with

that." Browne started to come on last year. She plays the four position and really emerges under the boards, getting most of her baskets on put backs. Her role is simple - to grab rebounds and play solid defense, because most of the other starters all can score and quickly.

"Courtney does all of the dirty work," said Keane. "She's a good rebounder. She might not score a lot of points, but she's good under the basket and she's solid defensively. She's a good leader on and off the court."

Browne is the lone senior

CO-CAPTAINS PG SP8W



Wilmington High junior guard Brianne Bozzella drives to the hoop during last Thursday's girls basketball team's victory over Georgetown held at the Cushing Gymnasium.

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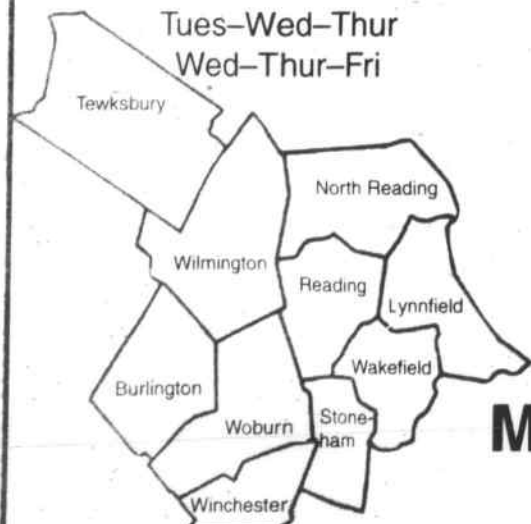
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Run into two hot teams, goaltenders

Boys Hockey team still clinging to life

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

After struggling in every aspect of the game in its previous two battles, the Wilmington High boys hockey team came back very strong this week, but ran into two very hot teams, and in particular two very hot goaltenders.

Last Wednesday, Wilmington was defeated by Lynnfield, 3-1, as goaltender Rick Vail made 30 saves helping the Pioneers remain unbeaten in five straight games.

Then on Monday afternoon, the 'Cats put 28 shots against Triton netminder Justin Joslin, who turned all of them away to post his fifth shut out of the season. Triton went on to defeat Wilmington, 3-0, at the Ristuccia Exposition Center pushing their record to 18-0-1 on the season.

The 'Cats fell to 8-8-2, and still need one more win or a tie in each of its last two games against Merrimack Valley Conference teams Tewksbury (on Wednesday) and Dracut

(on Friday) to qualify for the Division 2 North sectional tournament.

"The effort was there," said head coach Steve Scanlon after the loss on Monday. "With a team like that, the reason why they are where they are is because they capitalize on other teams mistakes. We had a coverage breakdown on the first goal, we took a penalty right after that (leading to the second goal). We had power play chances that we didn't capitalize on. They get the one and they do."

"And the third goal, every goal gives up soft one up every year but the kid has made a hundred saves for us and has kept us alive all year. I don't fault him at all."

The teams skated to a scoreless first period. Eric Siegel had the best chance to score for the 'Cats as he intercepted a pass inside the Triton blue line, skated in before rifling a wrist shot that was caught by Joslin.

Wilmington was all over Triton in the opening five minutes of the second period. The 'Cats had a number of good opportunities, but couldn't put one past Joslin. Siegel had another wrist shot that was caught in the glove, followed by two more shots into the leather by Dan Tobin, and George Boudreau coming in on a 2-on-1 break.

The best chance of the night for the 'Cats came in the fourth minute of the second period. Siegel came in off the left side through the Triton zone and was able to fight off a defender and tap the puck to his left to Mike Enwright, who faked Joslin out and had an opening to the right corner but couldn't get the puck back on his stick to drive it home on the backhand.

The game remained scoreless until 4:15 left in the period as Triton blueliner Ryan Pezzulo - arguably the best player in the

league - came in off the blue-line with the puck uncovered and unleashed a perfect wrist shot to the top left corner for what became the game winning tally.

Triton added the second goal just 1:02 later on the power play, and that was the seventh time this season, the 'Cats have given up two goals under a minute a part from one another. Then with 1:22 to go, Triton made it 3-0 on wrist shot that went through goaltender Mike Cabral's legs.

Cabral played very well in the third period turning away all 14 shots he faced including 10 within the first five minutes. Keeping Triton under four goals a game is a very difficult thing for opposing teams. Of their 19 games this season, they have scored four or more 13 times.

Wilmington again had several bids to score, including another 2-on-1 break. Defenseman Scott Dunnett won the faceoff in the 'Cats zone to the right of Cabral. He moved the puck

back and banked it off the glass and out of the zone. Boudreau collected it and off balance he tapped the puck over to his left to Tobin, who came through the neutral zone. He took the pass, beat his defender cutting in and went in alone. His shot ricocheted off Joslin's glove and then nailed the post which kept his shut out alive.

"We missed the net with our best stuff," said Scanlon. "A couple of our best chances we had we missed the net. We tried to stay away from his glove because it's good, but we kept going to it. We skated pretty hard. If we got one early in that second period it might have been a different story. But we have to keep plugging. We have Tewksbury on Wednesday, so we have to prepare for them."

"The important thing at this junction is the effort was there. We put 28 shots on them. They're not 18-0-1 for nothing. We just have to keep plugging. At this point you just can't afford to get down. The effort was there against Lynnfield

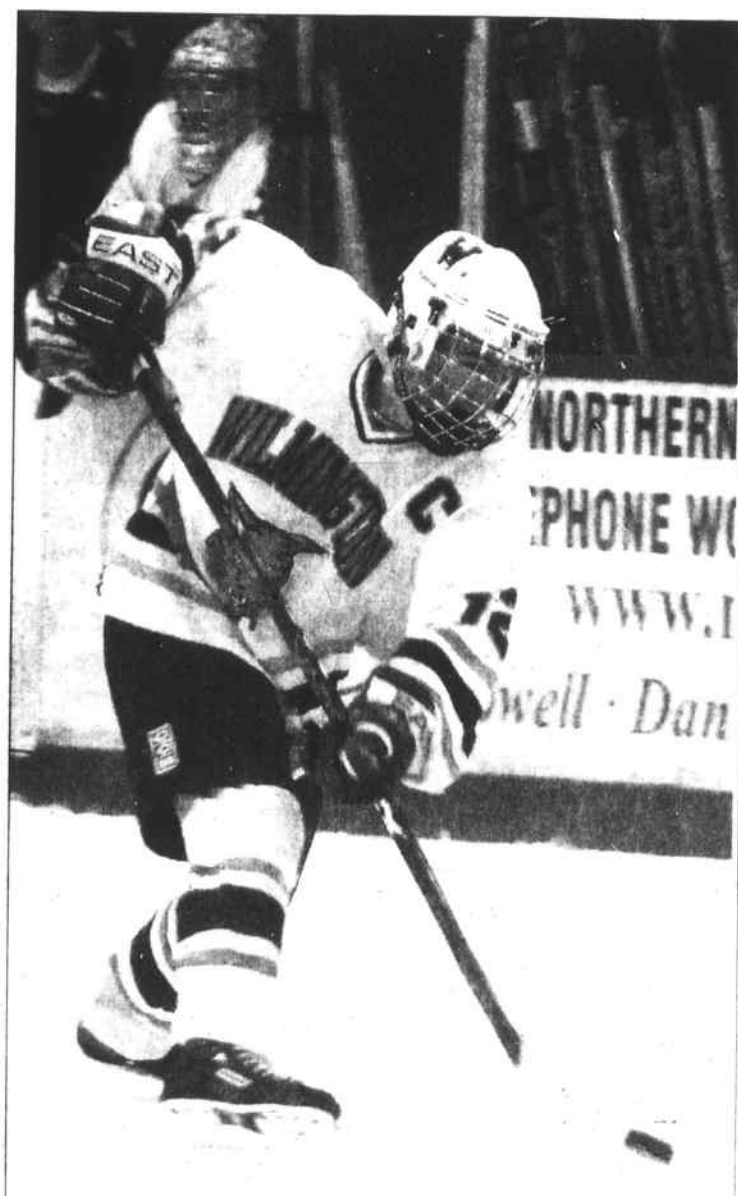
and we ran into Vail."

Last Wednesday, the 'Cats lost 3-1 to a red hot Lynnfield team at home. Wilmington jumped out to a 1-0 lead as Eric Siegel found the back of the net just five minutes into the game. Lynnfield added two goals, both coming within the final minute of the first period to take a 2-1 lead.

The score stayed the same until the Pioneers added an empty netter.

"I thought the kids played really well," said Scanlon. "They really did. We outshot them 30-20. We couldn't get one by (goaltender Rick) Vail. He played out of his mind. We had power play chances and moved the puck well and still couldn't get it by him."

"In their three games against us, Medford and Peabody, he made about 100 saves. I thought the effort was there, we forechecked well and played solid in all three zones but we just ran into a very hot goalie at the wrong time."



Wilmington High senior captain Dan Tobin unleashes a slap shot during a recent Cape Ann League hockey game played at the Ristuccia Exposition Center. (JoeBrownphotos.com)



Wilmington High senior defenseman Zack Ciampa fights for a loose puck in the Wildcats end during a recent Cape Ann League boys hockey game played at the Ristuccia Exposition Center. (JoeBrownphotos.com)

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New Legion Baseball team to serve Tewksbury & Wilmington players

Youth Baseball Leagues Of Tewksbury, Inc. (TYB) announces the approval of an American Legion Team that is based in Tewksbury but will draw players from nearby towns: particularly Wilmington.

With the support of the Youth Baseball Leagues Of Tewksbury (TYB) and particularly its President of 25 years Fred Daley, TYB Board Member Jim Dragon applied to American Legion to gain approval for a Tewksbury American Legion Team.

On February 4, 2006, the Massachusetts American Legion Athletic Committee approved the application.

Dragon added that the name, "Tewksbury Pride", was chosen because the Team is not sponsored by an American Legion Post.

Dragon learned last year that American Legion Baseball had created an entry avenue for those towns that did not have a Legion Post financially capable and willing to support a baseball team. Tewksbury then gained approval of a Junior Legion Team with the intention of seeking approval for a Senior Legion team in 2006.

"It really came together nicely," said Dragon. "This team will provide the opportunity for the best players from the Tewksbury/Wilmington area to

play high quality competitive baseball. College coaches, regularly scout Legion baseball games to find prospects."

Wilmington native Dave DiCenso will be the manager of the Tewksbury Pride. DiCenso is a former Wilmington High School and UMass Lowell baseball star and also the owner of Luna Rosa Restaurant, a popular Tewksbury eatery.

However, the restaurant business is very demanding and the Tewksbury Pride will be looking to add assistant coaches with college or minor league experience to help DiCenso. Dragon will serve as Team administrator and as an assistant coach. He has been coach-

ing baseball for ten years in Tewksbury/Lowell and has been active in organizing local baseball coaching clinics conducted by the recently deceased Dick Radatz, Cy Young Award Winner John Tudor and Red Sox great Rich Gedman.

Legion baseball is extremely competitive and the Tewksbury Pride will have a coaching staff that will choose the best players and provide excellent instruction.

The 2006 American Legion Rule Book establishes that Senior American Legion Baseball competition is open only to players born on or after January 1, 1987. Eligibility to

play for a particular team is determined primarily by the distance from the player's home residence to the "base high school" which in this case is Tewksbury Memorial High School.

Since Wilmington does not have a Legion team, many players from Wilmington will be eligible to try out for the "Tewksbury Pride" due to the closeness of their homes to Tewksbury High School. Dragon added, "playing some home games in Wilmington would help to further the goal that The Pride is a two-town team."

Dragon explained that some players have an option to try

out for a Legion team nearest to the high school they attend. There are also additional try-out opportunities with other Legion teams available to a player who is cut by a particular Legion team.

Dragon stressed that the position of Tewksbury Youth Baseball and the Tewksbury Pride coaching staff is that players who are already playing for a Legion team should stay with that team even if they are now eligible to try-out for the Tewksbury Pride.

Try-out dates will be posted when available in the Wilmington and Tewksbury Town Crier newspapers.

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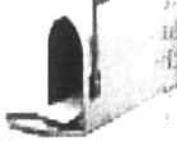
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Head to post season again

Girls hockey team makes it a dozen

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Wilmington High girls hockey team closed out its regular season on Saturday afternoon with a 7-1 victory over Cambridge at the Ristuccia Exposition Center.

With the win, the 'Cats end the season with an 12-5-2 overall record including an 8-3-0 conference mark which was good for third place in the Cape North League.

The MIAA Division 2 North sectional pairings will be announced later this week, and the 'Cats will be heading to post season play for the third straight season.

Last year, the 'Cats defeated Latin Academy in the first round before being eliminated in the second round by the eventual Division 2 state champion finalist Westford Academy.

Head coach Joe McMahon said there's a different feeling heading into this year's state tourney.

"We are an extremely young and inexperienced team," he said. "We have improved a lot



Wilmington High's Kaitlyn Souza carries the puck for the girls hockey team during a recent Cape North game held at the Ristuccia Exposition Center. (JoeBrownphotos.com)

since the start of the season, but most of the girls on the team have not been exposed to that kind of environment. It's a completely different environment when you step into the rink for a playoff game. I think it will also depend upon which team shows up."

For that, McMahon went on to say that his team has been somewhat inconsistent this season. There's been games when the team looks as strong as it did the past two seasons, and there's been games where it looks like the team lacked the desire to be on the ice.

"I've been very encouraged by the middle school and first year players," said McMahon. "They have all really improved. But I've also been pretty disappointed with the way we played in a lot of the big games that we should've won especially the two Masco games and going 1-1 against Marblehead. We played so well against Andover and then so poorly against

Billerica. We just couldn't pull out some games we needed."

On Saturday, the 'Cats defeated Cambridge, 7-1. Wilmington led 2-0 after the first period as Maria Tucker found the back of the net both times. She was assisted by Jessica Sciolli and Katelyn Souza on the first goal and then Fiona Gately and Alicia Nazzaro on the second goal.

Wilmington added four more goals in the second period to break things wide open. Tucker scored her third giving her a hat trick, while teammates Meghan Pickett, Sciolli and Kristen Lussiere followed with single tallies. Maria Pescatore and Gately picked up two assists each, while Sara Alonardo, Alicia Valeri and goaltender Danielle Tenaglia picked up assists.

Melissa Bianchi scored the team's lone goal in the third period with helpers going to Lussiere and Erin Magee.

All in all, Tucker had three

goals, Pescatore had three assists and Sciolli and Lussiere had a goal and an assist each. Tenaglia also picked up a couple of milestones, her first victory in the net as she stopped five shots coming out with a few minutes left in the third period, as well as picking up her first varsity assist. Eighth grader Amelia Woodbury made two saves in the final few minutes of the game.

Tenaglia is one of the many first year players on the team who McMahon is thrilled with.

"So many of the new girls have improved so much," said McMahon. "The future of this program is terrific. I'm so proud of the way girls like Danielle Tenaglia, Sara Alonardo, Katelyn Ray, Kayla Howland, Theresa McMahon, Alicia Nazzaro, Meghan Pickett, Fiona Gately, Kristen Lussiere and Kristen McNally have come so far and improved so much."

have," said McMahon. "The two of them have really shined on the blue line for us. They have been steady, and really have helped us defensively in front of Amelia to keep us in a lot of games. And Lauren and Jessica Sciolli will be our captains for next year's team."

Track teams participate in State Meet

Mello finishes fourth in 55-meter dash

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

ROXBURY -- Wilmington High senior Jackie Mello still had a smile on her face, but she knew that she could have and perhaps should have done better.

"I would be much happier if I took first," she said. "Hey the girls here ran good and they must have really trained hard. You just never know what can happen, you just never know."

Mello ended up taking fourth place in the 55-meter dash during Saturday afternoon's Class C State indoor track meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center. She was clocked at 7.47 seconds, finishing behind Hingham's Jocelyn Traina (7.36), Foxboro's Holly Heinricher (7.36) and Hingham's Anna Uretsky (7.46).

Besides giving credit to her competitors, Mello said several reasons stood out why she didn't come away as the champion although she was seeded first heading into the meet.

"I had a bad start," she said. "The first one was fine but the last two (in the semi-finals and finals) were bad. And when you have a bad start, you're going to have a bad race. For some reason I usually have a tough start."

Mello finished at 7.50 in the preliminary heat and followed that up with a 7.46 time in the semifinals, only to see it dip a hundredth of a second to 7.47 in the final.

"I still took fourth, even though I was seeded first," she said. "The pressure killed me more than anything."

In the four years of running indoors, Mello finished third as a freshman and second as a sophomore and junior in the 55-meter dash at the state meet. She also won the Cape Ann League meet three of the four years, and captured the state

coach's meet in the same event earlier this month.

With this fourth place finish, Mello is the lone representative from both the girls and boys team to advance to Friday's all-state meet which will begin at 4:30 pm.

Senior Nadia Prinzivalli came close to placing as she finished 9th in the shot put tossing 26.05. Also in the girls competition include Amber Warnick (16th in the high jump), Natalie Russo (18th in the mile) and Liz Chin (30th in the 55-meter dash), while the 4x200 relay team was 23rd overall.

As for the boys, Wil Niemi had the top performance as he was 13th in the shot put tossing 42-05. Alex Chalmers finished 18th in the 1,000 while the 4x800 and 4x400 relay teams finished 19th and 21st overall, respectively.

Former Wilmington High stand-out Laura Winsor set a State record in the 500 meter run was finally broken by Winsor, who became the first female in WHS history to win a state championship in an individual event, set the record on Valentine's Day, February 14th of 1999 with a time of 4:12.4.

That record stayed on Friday night when three runners in the same race all broke it. Grafton's Tracy Howell finished first at the Class B Meet with a time of 4:11.1, while Hamilton-Wentham's Grace Kerr was second at 4:13.11, followed by M. Christi Gallagher, who finished third at 4:13.15.

Howell, who often runs down with the record, caught completely off guard when she found herself breaking the record. "I had no idea what was going on," she said. "I just wanted to have a good time. I guess this is an added bonus."

A handful of athletes named all-stars

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

A handful of Wilmington High athletes were recognized this week for their efforts. In basketball, senior guard Joe Herra was voted the Cape Ann League boys basketball Co-MVP along with Tom Beaton of Pentucket Regional. The two players also shared the same honor in football this past fall. Herra is averaging 14.1 points per game.

"The two of them are just extremely good athletes," said head coach Jim McCune. "I said to Joey what are the two of you going to do without each other."

Senior teammate Brian Cairra joins Herra to the all-conference squad. Cairra is averaging 10.7 points per game, playing in all five positions for the team this season.

"Brian is really a forward but he has played all five positions for us and we usually have him guarding the opposing team's biggest player," said McCune. "Brian does a lot of the small things that you really don't think about, but that have helped us win. I'm glad he made it."

McCune, who guided the team to its fifth straight league title, was named the Cape Ann League Coach of the Year.

McCune will coach the league all-star team, with Herra and Cairra as players on Friday night beginning at 8:00 pm at Salem High School.

Wilmington High Junior Ashley Vitale was named to the Cape Ann League girls basketball all-conference team for the second straight season. She along with junior guard Brienne Bozzella were named as league all-stars and will compete in the game on Friday night at Salem High beginning at 6:00 pm.

Turning to girls hockey, junior Jessica Sciolli was one of five Wilmington High players to be named as Cape North League all-stars. Sciolli was named to the all-conference team, while forward Maria Pescatore, defenseman Melissa Bianchi and Lauren Heenan, and goaltender Amelia Woodbury will compete in the league's all-star game on Saturday at 1:00 pm at the Chelmsford Forum. Tickets are priced at \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

Sciolli ended the regular sea-

son with 43 points, 30 goals and 13 assists. She now has a career mark of 127 points and she's just a junior. Pescatore had 7 goals and 9 assists this season. Woodbury finished her first varsity season posting two shut outs and a save percentage rate of 87.46.

Head coach Joe McMahon

was thrilled for all five players. He said eighth grader Woodbury has been the team's most consistent player all season, while he believes Heenan is one of the most improved players on his club.

"I think Lauren and Melissa Bianchi are probably the two biggest improved players we

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LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family
Court Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 06P0477EP1
In the Estate of
MARJORIE G. MATHESON
Late of WILMINGTON
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death
December 19, 2005

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CURT WIEDENROTH of BURLINGTON in the County of MIDDLESEX and ROBERT BUTLER of BELMONT in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed coexecutors, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON MARCH 14, 2006.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, February 7, 2006.

2.22.06 John R. Buonomo
5015 Register of Probate

LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family
Court Department
MIDDLESEX Division
Docket No. 06P0486EP1
In the Estate of
CLAIRE W. GOODWIN
Late of WILMINGTON
In the County of MIDDLESEX
Date of Death
November 26, 2005

NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that MARK D. GOODWIN of WILMINGTON in the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executor,

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S
SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Daniel J. Nickerson aka Daniel Nickerson to MERS as nominee for People's Mortgage Corporation, dated May 5, 2003 and recorded with the Middlesex County Registry of Deeds at Book 15202, Page 1, of which mortgage MERS as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 A.M. on March 1, 2006, on the mortgaged premises located at 432 Foster Road, Tewksbury, MA 01876, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land in Tewksbury, Middlesex County, Massachusetts with the improvements thereon, being shown as Lot 1 on a plan of land entitled "Subdivision Plan of Land in Tewksbury, MA, prepared for Paul H. Sullivan, Date: June 1984 Scale 1"=40', Dapretto-Marchlands & Associates, 186 Boston Street, Woburn, MA 01801", which plan is duly recorded in the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 144, Plan 23. Said Lot 1 contains 2,136 acres according to said plan. Lot 1 is more particularly described as follows: Westerly by Foster Street, 25.00 feet; Northerly by land now or formerly of Pearl and Simone LaRosa, 435.60 feet; Westerly by land now or formerly of Pearl and Simone LaRosa, Warren E. Prescott and Mary Sullivan, 250.00 feet; Southerly by land now or formerly of Mary Sullivan, 146.85 feet; Westerly by land now or formerly of John D. and Mary Sullivan, 92.46 feet; Northerly by land now or formerly of John D.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
LAND COURT
DEPARTMENT OF
THE TRIAL COURT
Case No.: 317151

To: Edward C. Whitney, III and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, MA numbered as 359 Woburn Street given by Edward C. Whitney, III to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Meritage Mortgage Corporation dated June 24, 2005 and recorded at the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 18908, Page 140 and now held by Plaintiff by Assignment, has filed with said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession of and exercise of power of sale. If you are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 20th day of March 2006 or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHLEIER, Chief Justice of said Court this 31st day of January 2006.

2.22.06 Deborah J. Patterson
5013 Recorder

named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT CAMBRIDGE ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON MARCH 15, 2006.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. ROBERT W. LANGLOIS, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at CAMBRIDGE this day, February 8, 2006.

2.22.06 John R. Buonomo
5022 Register of Probate

and Mary Sullivan, 369.52 feet; Easterly by land now or formerly of Richard G. and Deanna Devlamlock and Robert O. Emmons, 356.37 feet; Southerly by Lot 2, 594.94 feet. For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10280, Page 94.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, right of ways, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens, or encumbrances is made in the deed. TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at ABLITT & CHARLTON, P.C., 92 Montvale Avenue, Suite 2950, Stoneham, MA 02180, other terms and conditions will be provided at the place of sale. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. OTHER TERMS, IF ANY, TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE SALE.

Present holder of said mortgage, By its Attorneys, Robert F. Charlton, Jr., Esq., ABLITT & CHARLTON, P.C., 92 Montvale Avenue, Suite 2950, Stoneham, MA 02180, (781) 246-8995, Dated: 01/30/2006 (60.0226/ Nickerson) (02/08/06, 02/15/06, 02/22/06) (65968)

2.8.06, 2.15.06, 2.22.06 4987

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY



NOTICE

The Town of Tewksbury will receive sealed Proposals for the Town to lease two parcels of land for wireless communication. One site is the North Street Fire Station, 830 North Street and the other site is the Dog Pound, 130 Pond Street. The Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained from the Town Manager's Office during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Request for Proposals must be filed in the Town Manager's office no later than Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 2:00 P.M. at which time they will be opened and read. The Request for Proposals is for a ten (10) year lease for both sites. The minimum proposal price for both sites will be \$416,876 over a ten (10) year period. The successful proposer will be responsible for attaining all necessary permits to erect wireless communication facilities.

The Town Manager reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, wholly and in part, and to accept any proposal or part thereof deemed to be in the best interest of the Town.

David G. Cressman
Town Manager
2.15.06, 2.22.06 5004

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Meeting will be held in Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887, on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m., in compliance with provisions of M.G.L. Chap. 131, Section 40, and 310 C.M.R. 10.00 on a Request for a Determination of Applicability, filed by Christopher Eckelkamp, 14 Cambridge Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887, owner & applicant. The applicant is proposing to construct a 20'x14' addition on sona tubes within the 100-foot buffer zone of bordering vegetated wetlands as designated by the MA Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Chapter 131, Sect. 40 and 310 CMR 10.00. This property is shown on Assessors Map 9 Parcel 64C, 14 Cambridge Avenue, Wilmington, MA, 01887. A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department, Room 6, Wilmington Town Hall, and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30 am. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

2.22.06 Judy Waterhouse, Chair
5017 Conservation Commission

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Sections 81-F and 81-G, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 8:45 p.m. in Room 9, Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on the application of Larry Feeney, 31 Nassau Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887, seeking relief from the required roadway improvements for construction of a single family home for the property located at 19 Dunmore Street, Map 31 Parcel 62A, as shown on the plan entitled: "Roadway Improvement Plan, Dunmore Road, Wilmington, MA " Dated: February 9, 2006; Scale: 1" = 20'; Engineer: Benjamin C. Osgood, Jr., New England Engineering Services, Inc., 60 Beechwood Drive, North Andover, MA 01845.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning and Conservation Department, and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
5012 2.15.06, 2.22.06



Made in the Shade's "Tubinator" was a crowd favorite during the jazz concert held at Herbert T. Barrows Memorial Auditorium in Wilmington High School last Thursday. The Tubinator delighted children of all ages with an over the top personality and tuba-aided improv. (Paul Chinappi photo)

Heath Brook School
4th grade honor roll

Heath Brook School Principal Pauline King is pleased to announce honor roll for the fourth grade students second semester.

High Honors:
Stephanie Austin
Olivia Boudreau
Matthew Corriveau
Emalee Dunbar
Megan McKenna
John Melloni
Kylie Sedgwick
Helen Woods
Rachel Yore

Honors:
Lindsey Andella
Patrick Blades
Bridget Blair
Meaghan Blaisdell
Julie Bohn
Greg Boyages
McKenzie Bulger
Danielle Cacciola

Ashley Callahan
Marina Callahan
Joshua Caredeo
Rachel Christie
Erin Elliot
Anastasia Falasca
Jeffrey Giasullo
Haley Golini
Alex Hamilton
Brandon Hiber
Elizabeth Keenan
Devon King
Alanna Lee Lundberg
Andrew Magnell
Caitlyn Malcolm
Kassie Martin
Richard Merrick
Michael Monteiro
Erin Morrissey
Brian Nguyen
Nicholas Noel
James Quilty
Paul Rice, Jr.
Adam Scopa
Megan Sheppard
Kryslin Shields
Melanie Somerville
Mikaela Strobel
Mitchell Szymet
Jacob Trudeau
Alexander Viens
Margaret Walsh
Gregory Walsh

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
DETERMINATION
OF APPLICABILITY

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on March 1, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Carl Tenenbaum for a Determination of Applicability. Said Property is located on 27 Scotland Drive. Assessor's Map(s) 40 Lot(s) 63.

Clear brush in the buffer zone. The application may be examined in the Planning and Conservation Department during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

2.22.06 Stan Folta
5018 Chairman

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen will hold public hearing, as part of their regularly scheduled meeting on March 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington on the street to be accepted at the April 22, 2006 Annual Town Meeting under proposed Warrant Article 15. The street is as follows: Navajo Drive.

2.22.06 Raymond N. Lepore,
5021 Chairman
Board of Selectmen

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on March 7, 2006 at 8:15 p.m. at Town Hall, Room 9, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA on Site Plan Review #06-1 entitled, "Proposed Building, 64 Concord Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts", dated February 7, 2006; submitted February 13, 2006 by Cummings Properties, LLC; 200 W. Cummings Park, Woburn, MA 01801. Said property is located at 64 Concord Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 91 Parcel 119. The purpose of the site plan is for construction of a single story structure consisting of approximately 26,346 s.f. A copy of the site plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
5011 2.15.06, 2.22.06

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

PLANNING BOARD
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
SITE PLAN AND USE SPECIAL
PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on March 13, 2006 at 7:15 PM. in the Tewksbury Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Omnipoint Communications Inc, a wholly owned subsidiary of T-Mobile USA Inc. for a Site Plan and Use Special Permit in accordance with Section 3514 of the Zoning Bylaws to erect a wireless communications facility at the 10 East Street, Tewksbury Congregational Church.

Said property is located at 10 East Street, Assessor's Map(s) 47, Lot(s) 81, zoned Commercial. The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA, during 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Steven J. Sadwick, Director
2.22.06, 3.1.06 5019

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
DETERMINATION OF
APPLICABILITY

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on March 1, 2006, at 7:05 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Steve Dulock for a Determination of Applicability.

Said Property is located on 150 Sawyer Lane. Assessor's Map(s) 40 Lot(s) 74

Construction of an inground pool. The application may be examined in the Planning and Conservation Department during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

2.22.06 Stan Folta
5016 CHAIRMAN

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on March 1, 2006 at 7:35 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium, 1009 Main Street Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by Wild Realty Trust for a Notice of Intent.

Said Property is located on 41 River Road. Assessor's Map(s) 41 Lot(s) 4.

Construct two single family dwellings. The application may be examined in the Planning and Conservation Department during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

2.22.06 Stan Folta
5023 Chairman

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, February 28, 2006, at 8:30 P.M. on the request of JNV Corporation d/b/a Carnation by Jorge L. Noya Van Der Velde, President, to change the doing business as (d/b/a) from Carnation, 2185 Main Street, to Credit Cars of Tewksbury, and change the doing business as (d/b/a) from Carnation, 2195 Main Street, to Auto 1 Outlet.

Input is welcome from the public and is requested to be submitted in writing to the Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA, 01876 on or before noontime Friday, February 24, 2006.

Joseph P. Gill, Jr., Chairman
Board of Selectmen
2.15.06, 2.22.06 5007

Wrestlers defeat Wakefield in first tourney dual meet

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

It may seem like wrestling is just about toughness, athleticism and overall technique. But there's also two other elements that play a bigger role: strategy, and of course heart.

The Wilmington High wrestling team had both of those in their corner on Tuesday night, in the first ever Division 3 North sectional dual meet tournament match. The No. 2 seed Wildcats, came in with a 15-7 overall record, and hosted the No. 3 seed Wakefield sporting the same mark with the winner advancing to the sectional final.

Leading 22-7 after seven matches, Wilmington suddenly was behind by two points after Wakefield won the next three. Wakefield then decided to juggle up its line-up, which in turn helped Wilmington. Nick Gustin and Brian Wilson won on consecutive pins, and Nate Mercer added his own pin two matches later to help Wilmington prevail, 44-32, at Cushing Gymnasium.

Wilmington will now face No. 1 seed Winchester (20-1) either Tuesday or Wednesday.

"We were getting nervous because they were starting to move people around," said Wildcat head coach Mike Pimental. "They moved their

160 pounder (Mike Sessa) away from Nick Gustin and moved him up to 171. And their starting 171 pounder (Joe Lauria), who Brian (Wilson) lost a very close match to in the sectionals, was moved up to 189. We were looking for it to become very tough to overcome when they started to move people around."

Gustin's emotions seemed to get the best of him early on as his 160-pound match against Matt Barden. But once he settled down, he took control of the match, and went on to pin Barden at the 3:28 mark, which helped the 'Cats retake the lead and they never looked back thereafter.

"We were down and I knew what we had to do, so I just went out there and wrestled my match," said Gustin. "It was for the win so the pressure was on me, so I knew I had to win. I just had to go out there and get the bugs out. After the first period, I was ready to go."

Gustin said that once he went back to his normal routine, he put one move on Barden to seal the deal.

"I threw a reverse cross face and I had the scissors on him and I basically just waited until he pinned himself," he said.

Added Pimental, "Nick's win was huge because we were starting to lose momentum. Teams start thinking they are

going to win once momentum swings into their favor and it was behind Wakefield, but we were lucky Nick out us back on the right track."

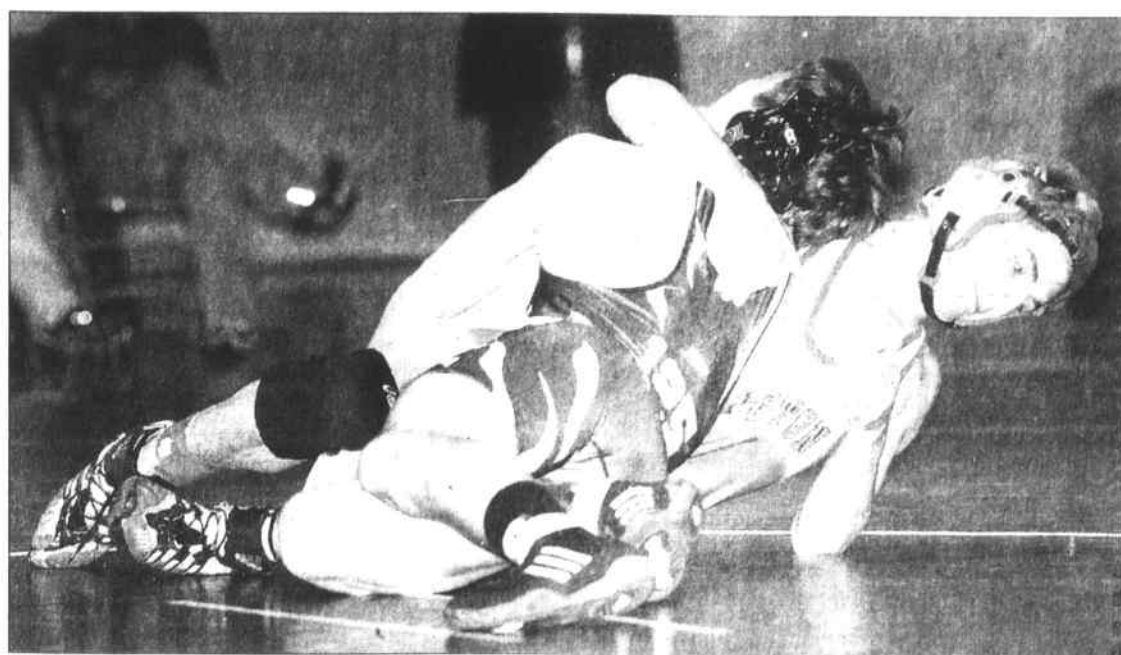
Wilson followed in what became the best match of the night. In the first period, his 171-pound opponent Mike Sessa had a 5-0 lead, including having Wilson on his back looking for the pin in the final 35 seconds of the first period. Wilson hung on for dear life and was able to hear the buzzer went off before his shoulders hit the mat.

"I just didn't want to get pinned," said Wilson. "I knew I was down there for a while and I was able to turn to see how much time was left. I saw there was five seconds left, so I knew I could hang on for five seconds."

Immediately starting the second period, Wilson's new start helped him as he scored two points on a reversal. Sessa got his two points back later on in the second period to go up 7-2 with two minutes and one period left.

"I knew I could pull it off because I've been down before," said Wilson.

That he did. He eventually caught Sessa, was able to gain control which led to his pin at the 5:27 mark, or 33 seconds left in the match, although he was down 7-2 at the time.



Wilmington High's Joe Kelly, who was defeated by Burlington's John Cappello during the Division 3 sectional meet nearly two weeks ago, was defeated again by Cappello on Saturday in the state final match. Kelly finished second in the Division 3 meet and advances to this weekend's all-state meet which will be held at North Andover High School. JoeBrownphotos.com

"I was able to get on top of him, and I saw that he turned and he kept going down so I was to (get him into a pin position)," said Wilson.

Added Pimental, "Brian's win was so huge. He is just Mr. Tenacity. He wins on his conditioning and his tenacity, and he doesn't give in. He just keeps going and that's what won him the match. I thought it was going ugly there for a minute. We talked about bumping Brian up (to 189) but I wasn't sure if we should match him up against someone he had lost to. I'm glad we didn't because it worked out in our favor."

After Joe Lauria defeated Kirk Wayshville, 10-2 in the 189-pound match, Mercer made quick work of Tim Muise pinning him at the 1:22 mark to push the 'Cats into another round of team play.

"This is a big win for us as a team," said Pimental. "This is huge because we have a good team this year and we've been wrestling really well and we're

hoping to get that sectional title with a win over Winchester."

The meet started off with the 275-pound bout and Ken Joyce set the tone for the 'Cats with a 8-5 win over Sean Branson. After Steve Sutherland was pinned, the teams continued to win one and lose one as Nathan Clapp won of the 'Cats at 112, but Wakefield's Zack Jenkins won by pin over Colin McDonald Jon Kelly by pin at 1:39, Mike Sorrentino by pin at 1:09 and Evan Walsh 22-7, all won their matches which put the 'Cats up 26-12.

Brian Sullivan was defeated,

11-1, and Ken Adams and Dan Hall were both pinned which led to the final four matches of the night, with Gustin winning his.

"My season is pretty much over (except this) so I just want to help the team move on and get a sectional title," said Gustin. "I'm happy that we're going to face Winchester because it means another week of practice, and it's my senior year so I want to have as many chances as I can to continue to wrestle and help the team get a sectional title."

Drinkwater places 17th at BU Invitational

Senior Lawrence Aidoo (Providence, R.I.) and junior Clint Cooper (Raynham, MA) each provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championship to lead the UMass Lowell men's track and field team at the Boston University St. Valentine's Day Invitational Saturday.

The non-scoring meet featured schools and athletes from all three NCAA divisions as well as those representing post-graduate track and field clubs throughout the Northeast.

UMass Lowell's distance medley relay team became the program's second relay team to provisionally qualify for the NCAA Championship. The two teams join six individual members of the men's team who have also met the standard.

Aidoo placed among the top 10 runners in two events Saturday. He highlighted the afternoon by placing ninth overall and second among Division II-III sprinters in the 200 meter dash in 21.87 seconds, meeting the provisional standard for the NCAA Championship. Freshman Andrew Grange (Methuen, MA) placed 15th eighth in 22.14.

Additionally, Aidoo placed sixth overall and tops among NCAA Division II and III sprinters in the 55 meter dash in 6.58 seconds. In the prelima-

nary run, however, Aidoo posted a seventh place time of 6.49.

Cooper placed sixth overall and first among Division II-III runners in the 400 meter dash with a time of 48.24 seconds to provisionally qualify for the NCAA's. Cooper is also a member of the 4x400 meter relay team which qualified earlier this season.

Senior John Drinkwater (Tewksbury, MA) placed 17th overall in the field of 141 runners in the 400 with a time of 49.15. He placed third among Division II-III runners.

UML's distance medley relay team posted a time of 9:58.97, just 1.60 seconds behind Division II power Adams State (CO), which posted a time of 9:57.37.

The foursome - led by senior Patrick Morasse (Lowell, MA), sophomore Joey DeWitt (Ellsworth, ME) and freshmen Grange and Patrick Molloy (Methuen, MA) - fell just over four seconds from the school record.

Senior Diego Pinheiro (Ashland, MA) shattered the school record in the 500 meters as he placed fourth overall and first among Division II-III runners with a time of 1:03.02. Pinheiro bested the previous record of 1:03.67 established by former standout Jason Page a year ago at the BU Terrier Classic.

Basketball cheerleaders crowned Cape Ann League champions

The Wilmington High School Cheerleaders competed in the Cape Ann League Cheerleading Competition this past Sunday and once again came home with a win! Although their win was well deserved, it certainly was not an easy feat.

While practicing on Friday afternoon, their final practice before competing, the ladies began warming up their stunts as they always do. While warming up, one of the back spots on the team was elbowed between her eyes and had to be taken to the emergency room where she then received over 12 stitches.

Of course, being such a tight knit team the injured cheerleader's main concern was for her teammates, she didn't know what would happen with

the routine. The team she was so concerned about pulled together and continued to practice and made adjustments to their routine to perform on Sunday.

Practice ended that evening around 9:30 and the team dispersed home, wondering how they would do with all the changes.

Sunday morning while boarding their bus the team found out that another teammate was very ill and the coaches decided that it would be best for her to stay home. One of their teammates was asked to step in to fill the spot now vacant.

Upon arriving at North Andover High School for the competition the team pulled together and worked on changing their routine, once again to

be ready for competition. The goal for the day was to take that mat and perform the best they could with hopes that their performance would be strong enough minus some teammates to give them a score to qualify for the North Regional Competition (the score needed was a 67).

Well they did, and they far exceeded that. They scored a 90.5, the highest score that any Wilmington High cheering team has scored to date. Despite not having their entire team on the mat to compete with them, this was probably the best earned TEAM award.

This group of young ladies is a prime example of what a true team is and proved that this past weekend. They will now attend the North Regional Competition on Sunday, March

5th at Lowell High School in hopes of qualifying for the State Championship on Sunday, March 12th.

The Wilmington High School Cheerleaders are led by Senior Captains Amy Butters, Brittany Collins, Charisse Marchesi and consist of Nicole Allan, Nicole Bonnacolto, Kendra Burke, Kim Ciampa, Amanda Ciulla, Jennelle Ciulla, Jessi Crowley, Kayla D'Arcangelo, Kathryn Fraser, Katelyn Gallant, Shannon Jones, Tara LeBlanc, Katie Riley, Gina Rizzo, Amy Sinclair, Maggie Sorrentino, Vicky Tanzella, Danielle Uly Ward, Jessi Welch and Brittani Winn.

Congratulations and Good Luck Ladies!



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Girls Hoop team knocks off Redmen and Royals

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run for the 'Cats, but Georgetown wouldn't go away.

After nailing a three-pointer with 6:55 to go, Georgetown trailed by just two points. But then the 'Cats kicked it into another gear going on an 9-0 run as five different players scored including field goals from Hitchins, Alyssa Brown, Stephanie Sauve and Bozzella, while Vitale added a free throw.

"This is a tough win," said Keane. "They have played a lot of tough games this year. Their coach is doing a good job and they are a very young team as she plays almost all freshmen. They are going to be a tough team to deal with in the next couple of years."

Vitale and Bozzella led the way with 11 points each, while

Sauve was the third player in double figures with 10.

The night before, Wilmington knocked off neighbor Tewksbury in a make-up game which was originally scheduled on Sunday, February 12th but was knocked out because of the snow. The 'Cats played sloppy at first as the teams were tied at seven early on, before breaking it open to an eight point lead with 2:27 to go. Tewksbury battled back on a short run before the 'Cats closed out the half leading by seven behind a Sauve lay-up.

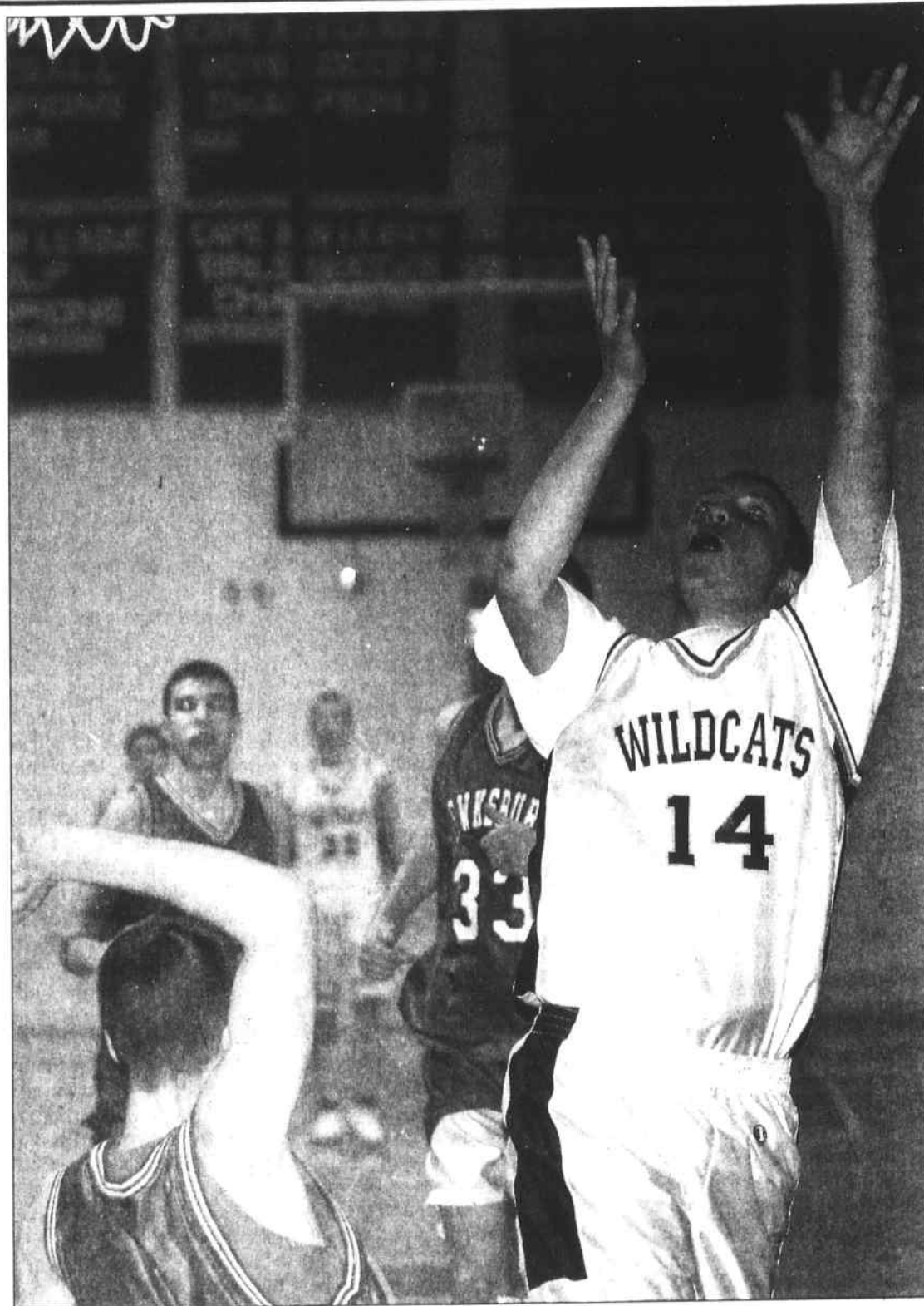
Wilmington then put the game away in the first four minutes of the second half starting off on an 13-0 run to lead by 20 at 38-18. From there the team went on cruise control and

came away with the 14-point victory.

Vitale led the way with 13 points, and Sauve had 10, while Alyssa Brown and Courtney Browne combined for 15.

"Tewksbury did a good job of breaking our press," said Keane. "This is a big court so we're lucky we can run here, but the press really didn't work. The defense did a nice job of holding them even though the press wasn't working. Offensively we were able to swing the ball around, get some good looks and start to pull away."

"We had a week off so we were a little stale at the start, but played much better in the second half."



Wilmington High senior forward Brian Caira, who was named a league all-star this week, takes a shot during last week's win over Tewksbury at home.

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Co-Captains a big reason for turnaround

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starter on this year's team. Last year she was the lone junior starter, as the lone senior was Lani Cabral-Pini. Cabral-Pini graduated and that left big shoes for Browne to fill to be an important leader on the floor when things are going well, or not so well. She said though that's hardly the case - it's the fact that all five players on the floor are doing the same things.

"We've done really well. Everyone has played together," said Browne. "I don't think we had doubts we could do it. It was just a new season with a new coach. I think everyone's done a good job (with the leadership and the chemistry). It wasn't like we were completely starting over. We just got right back in (when the season started)."

Bibeau's situation wasn't as

clear cut. She made the varsity team as a freshman and played sparingly, but probably could have used a season on the sub-varsity level. As a sophomore, she improved a lot, especially defensively. Last year as a junior, she was a pretty much full-time starter and had spurts of playing very well, both offensively and defensively. This year is different. She hasn't started a single game, but still sees the floor a lot being the first player off the bench usually, who can play either forward position, or the off guard spot.

"Having her off the bench is great because she can play the two, three or four," said Keane about Bibeau. "I have her all over the place because she's important. Sometimes when the starters are playing really well it's hard to get her minutes but in the North Andover game her and (Bibeau's cousin) Alicia Murray came off the bench, played great and helped us win."

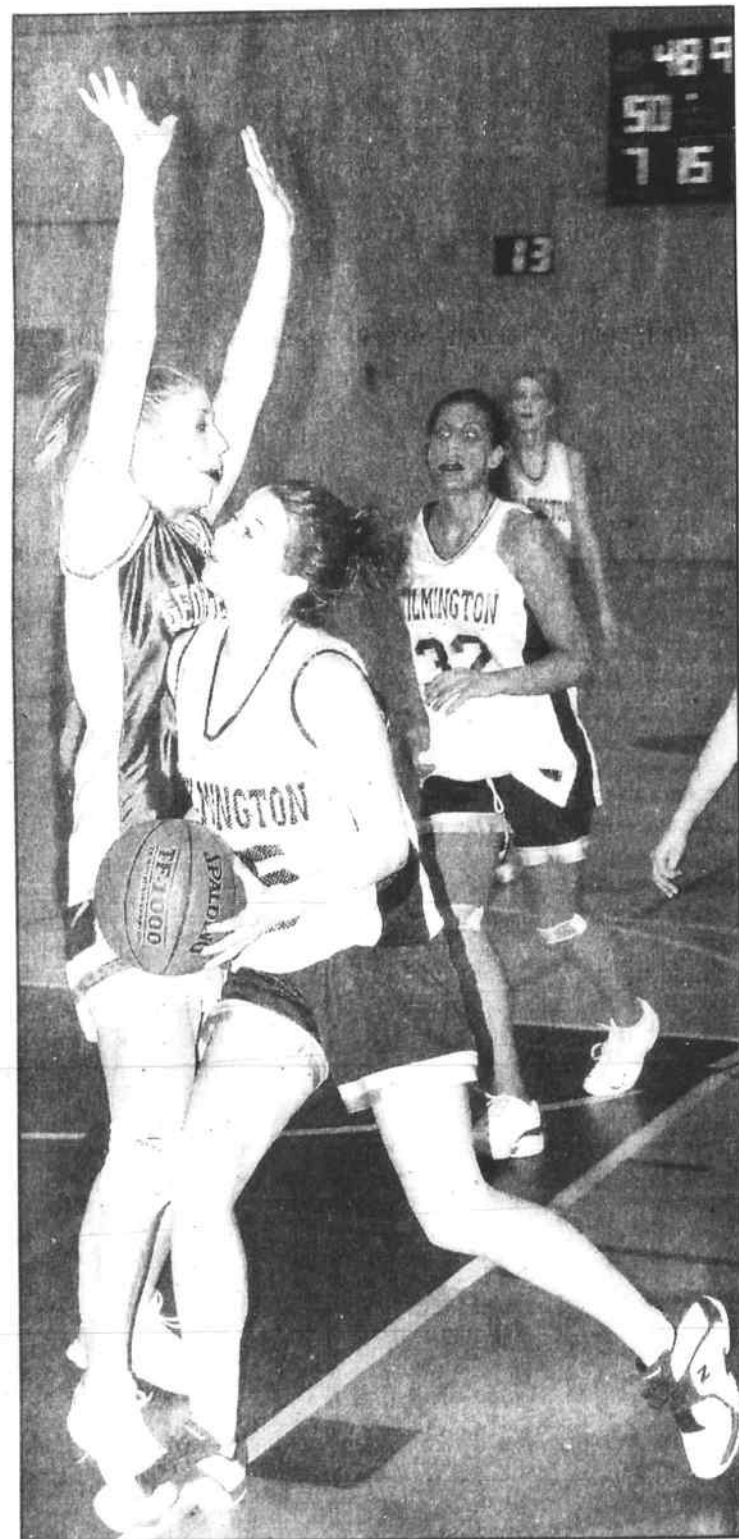
Bibeau admitted that at first accepting the role of coming off the bench was tough. She accepted it, battled through the ups and downs, and now she plays a handful of minutes every night, helping the team win like she did during Thursday's home victory over Georgetown.

"Everyone participated to help us win which is good," she said.

The two of them both couldn't pinpoint one certain area in which the team has turned around from 9 wins last year to 15 with one to go this season.

"I don't know if there is one big difference from last year, just right now we're really playing well together as a team. (When we get into the state tournament) we just have to keep up what we're doing. But we have to come out stronger because sometimes we start off slow."

Added Bibeau about the turnaround and what the team has to do to continue the winning ways, "We had everyone back except for (Cabral-Pini) and she was important so we had to replace her. We run the floor and been getting lay-ups off steals which is good. We just have to keep playing like we are and keep playing as a team."



Wilmington High junior Alicia Murray goes to the basket with the ball during Thursday's win at home over Georgetown.

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WHS Boys Basketball

'Cats defeat Georgetown, look now to state tourney

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Depending on several scenarios, the Wilmington High boys basketball team could be seeded either second, third or fourth when the Division 3 North sectional tournament pairings are announced on Friday.

The Wildcats hold an 17-2 overall record heading into Wednesday's regular season finale at home against Winthrop.

If Wilmington defeated the Vikings while this paper hits the streets, and Lynn Tech falls in its last regular season game, there would be a coin flip for the second and third seeds.

If both teams win their season finale, the 'Cats will most likely be third. And if the 'Cats lose to Winthrop, they wouldn't be any lower than a fourth seed.

"It's probably the most balanced field in quite a while," said McCune. "Not one team really sticks out. Sixteen teams have qualified and I think 14 of them can beat us, and we can beat them. And I'm not just saying that."

"Either myself, or someone on the staff has watched all of the teams and we feel that we can beat any of them, and just about any of those teams can step up and beat us."

McCune added that Bedford, Lynn Tech, Minuteman Tech (bumped up from Division 4) and Greater Lawrence are four of the stronger teams in the bracket.

He believes that Wilmington will play either Tuesday or Wednesday night at home, with the girls team playing the other night, also hosting a playoff game.

"If we win that first game, we'll be home again for the second round," said McCune. "And we need the home court support. It's something for the kids to really play for. Our home crowds have been fantastic all season long."

"We're hoping we can bring a big crowd to help with the excitement and I think that will help the kids tremendously. It really did in the home wins against Masconomet and

Tewksbury."

On Friday night, Wilmington defeated Georgetown on the road, 52-34. McCune was not pleased with the way the team played, and just hopes the kids can rebound against Winthrop and head into the tournament in the right direction.

"We did enough to win," said McCune. "A lot of bizarre things happened in that game and even the score is an odd one. But we won and we'll take it. Now we have 17 wins and I've never had a team go 18-2 in a season. We have an opportunity to reach the most wins ever in a season. I've had one team get 20 wins."

"And I think this team has a lot of left to accomplish."

Already with the 17 wins and grabbing the fifth straight league title, McCune said the

train doesn't stop there.

"From our standpoint, winning the league title is on our radar every year," said McCune. "So when we do it, it's really not a surprise because we plan on that and we look forward challenging for it every year."

"I think this season can be summed up as a very solid year for us. I'm not surprised how well we have done. I think some people are, but we believe this team has a lot left to achieve."

Correction

Last week it was reported that the 1987-'88 boys basketball team in Wilmington won the Merrimack Valley Conference. It was the 1986-'87 team that won.

K of C Free Throw winners advance another round

Five shooters, representing Fr. Croke Council Knights of Columbus in Wilmington, were victorious in the K of C District Shoot-out held recently at the Dewing School in Tewksbury. Facing contestants from Burlington and Groveland, the Wilmington shooters took five of the ten age categories with some terrific shooting. The winners were:

- Boys
- 11 Dan Keane
- 14 Tim Korajczyk
- Girls
- 10 Erin Duffy
- 13 Jessica Stuke
- 14 Colleen Kennedy

Our shooters now advance to the Northern Region Shoot-out at the Coolidge School in Reading on March 18 at 10:00am. Winners from that contest qualify for the K of C State Championships, to be held in April.

Congratulations to this fine group of shooters and good luck in the Regionals.

Squirt A's end in pair of ties

The Wilmington Squirt A team played two hard fought games last week both of which ended up in ties.

First was a battle against nemesis Winchester, a Dual State League game at Hockeystown. After Winchester took a 1-0 lead in the first period, Cody McGowan fired home a rebound of defenseman Brooks Carter's shot to tie it up a minute later.

Winchester took a 2-1 lead with 3:35 left in the first but once again Wilmington answered right back when Zack Blanch fired home the equalizer assisted by Tommy Townsend. Winchester answered this one right back

themselves as they'd take a 3-2 lead after one period.

The second period went up and down the ice with both teams taking turns buzzing around the other, but nobody was able to score as both the Winchester goalie and Wilmington's Drew Foley were on top of their game. The period remained scoreless as the teams headed into the third with the Sachems holding their 3-2 lead.

Early in the third right wing Michelle Alonardo spotted a streaking Stevie Ciampa and fed him a beauty of a long pass. Steve raced in alone and fired home the equalizer with two minutes gone in the period.

Once again the teams traded glorious chances after this but neither could break the tie.

Finally Winchester got a break on bounce off the boards and they took advantage to score a break away goal with 1:53 left in the game.

The resilient Wildcats showed what they're made of however as they got control of the puck, pulled Foley for the extra attacker and tied it up with just 29 seconds to go.

Defenseman Nick DiStefano got the puck out of his own end up to Tommy Townsend who then fed it over to a flying Zack Blanch who rifled one from the

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Wilmington Recreational Basketball Highlights

Colangelo's eight points leads Michigan to victory

Big 10 - Boys Grade 3

Michigan 21, Penn State 12
Michigan's Ryan Colangelo had eight points in the victory. Jonathan Mills and John Reynolds each dropped in five points. Patrick Finn completed the scoring for Michigan with three points. Patrick Daley had eight points for Penn State.

Michael Shedd and Ryan Kinsella finished the day with one basket each. Dan Valerio, Liam Reynolds and Michael Russo displayed good defense.

Indiana 15, Ohio State 15

Indiana and Ohio State played an exciting overtime game, but a winner still could not be determined. Both teams had identical scores and scorers. Ryan Walsh was the leading scorer for Ohio State with ten points. Zachary Abbot and Zachary Leighton provided key hoops.

Ryan Adams sank a free throw. Nick Silva had ten big points for Indiana. Bradley Priem and Dylan Masiello each netted a basket. Michael Dancewicz made a key free throw.

Wisconsin 36, Illinois 14

James O'Regan led the way for Wisconsin with 14 points. Next in line were Tom Simmons with eight points, Devin Fields with six, and Kevin Goncalves with five. Danny Stein and Matt Figucia each made key hoops in the victory. Joe Scurto was the leading scorer for Illinois with ten points. Jacob Aoki and Ryan Flood added four points each. David Santini sank a free throw. Joe Hydorn, Colin Kennedy, and Justin Wright all had good games for their teams.

Purdue 33, Northwestern 19
The duo of Lucas Garrity (11 points) and Connor Bennett (ten points) led the way for Purdue. Mark DeRosa added eight points and Joe Castellano had another four points. Michael Dovidio had seven points and Andre Vellucci had six to lead the attack for Northwestern.

Ron John Judkins had four points while Pat Keough completed the scoring with two points. Brian Moran, Dan Feyla, Dan Neal, and James Lawrence all showed great hustle on both ends of the floor.

Mountain West - Boys Grade 4
New Mexico 16, Wyoming 15
New Mexico's Joe Ascolese came up big with 12 points, ten rebounds and five assists leading New Mexico over Wyoming. Other scorers for New Mexico were Alex Guarino with two points, Mitchell Goulet one, and Nicholas Troy added one point. Justin La Rosa led New Mexico on defense.

Wyoming was led in scoring by Alexander Pizzette with four points, Patrick Walsh two, Mark Price two, Michael Palazzo two, Eric Grabar two, Chris Babcock two, and Colin Chase added one point.

BYU 13, Air Force 12

With time running out and down by one point Chris Popa's clutch jumper gave BYU the win over a very determined Air Force team. Leading the scoring for BYU was Colin Ahern with five points, Chris Popa four, Matthew Daley two, and Jonathan Mack added two points. Avery Woodbury led BYU in rebounding.

Leading scorers for Air Force were Sean Coakley with five points, Jimmy Carroll two, Chris Saporito two, Scott Manganelli two, and Craig Smith added one point.

Michael Ryan led Air Force on defense.

Colorado St 18, Utah 13

Colorado State's team defense and rebounding was the difference as they came away with a hard fought win over Utah. Leading scorers for Colorado St were Troy Vibert with six points, Corey Stillings five, Chris Saporito four, Joe Bosco two, and Andrew Bezjian added one point.

William McNamara and Tommy Gorman led Colorado State on defense. Utah was led in scoring by Tyler Peters with four points, Kevin Keane four, Ryan Carroccino three, and Jacob Murphy added two points. Brian Anderson led Utah in rebounding.

Big East - Boys Grade 5

Villanova 34, Providence 16
Villanova's offensive attack was too much for Providence to handle as Tyler Vibert led the way with nine points. Ryan Sweeney and David Caira dropped in six and five points respectively. Chris Newton and Eric Jaeschke scored two hoops each.

Rounding out the scoring with a basket each were Jeff Favuzza, Erik Alatalo, and Andrew Morris. Kevin Dunfey was the leading scorer for Providence with six points. Matt Pickett and Ryan Kennedy each netted two baskets with John Keough dropping in one.

Georgetown 35, Syracuse 16
Wayne Huynh led Georgetown with 12 points including two triples. Mark Connolly and Sam Silva each contributed eight points.

Rounding out the scoring were Keenan Beraldi with four points, Michael Brown with two points, and Michael Marinello with a point. Troy Homola and Chris Palmerino each had five

Georgetown's perfect

The Georgetown boys basketball team of the fifth grade division of the Wilmington Recreational Basketball League, finished up the season with a perfect 9-0 record.

Head coach PJ Russo and assistant coaches Tony Karalekas and Matt Olson enjoyed coaching this team and watching the team progress week after week was amazing, at practice their shooting got better and better, and as a result it followed into the games. These kids on and off the court were a blast.

Keenan Beraldi, Sam Silva, Sean Berube, and Danny Sullivan were the team's four guards. All four of them are very gifted athletes, who brought so much energy to the court each and every week.

Mike Brown, Mark Connolly, Mike Marinella, Wayne Huynh, and Anthony Federico were the team's five forwards/centers. All of them did a tremendous job grabbing rebounds, and eventually turning those possessions into offensive baskets. They all showed great strides for next year.

All nine of these players were terrific, all showing steps of progression throughout the season. The coaching staff had the privilege of coaching these kids, in their first season of coaching and are fortunate enough to get a great group like this.

points for Syracuse. Matt Chircosta, Brian Priem, and Tim Hunt all had a basket on the day.

St. John's 27, Rutgers 21

In a close game, St. John's

defeated Rutgers by six points. Balanced scoring by St. John's led to this victory. Tim Woods and Connor Burke scored eight points each with seven points from David Arria. Luciano DiMambro and Anthony Castellano each added a key basket.

Rutgers' Tom Letellier had seven points, including three for three from the free throw line. Matt Curran had six and Brendan Ahern had four. Shaun Gibbons dropped in a hoop while Dan Hope sank two free throws.

Notre Dame 45, Pittsburgh 20

Big game for Notre Dame as they came away with a big victory. Justin MacKinnon was on fire scoring 18 points. Colin Doherty and Patrick Barry had 12 and 11 points respectively. Finishing the scoring for Notre Dame was Dan Luise with four points.

Pittsburgh had three players scoring six points: Ryan Cocca, Brian Fortuna, and Dylan Champey. Zach Shepard also dropped in a basket. Nick DiRienzo, Tom Rossetti, and Kevin Rossetti showed great hustle.

Conference USA - Boys Grades 6 & 7

E. Carolina 13

Southern Miss 28

E. Carolina's balanced scoring and defense was too much to overcome as they ran away from Southern Miss. Leading the scoring for E. Carolina was Michael Biondo with 12 points, Jesse Bozzella eight, Nick Nearhos seven, Jonathan Biondo six, Chris Di Cecca four, Chris Crupi four, and Jeff Hill added two points.

Leading the scoring for Southern Miss was Tom Broman with seven points, Nick Girardi six, Andrew La Rosa six, Matthew Tolo five, and Tim Broman added four points. Richard Bibber and Matt Palermo led Southern Miss on defense.

DePaul 50, Houston 36

DePaul was on fire all game and was led by Derek Duggan with 18 pts. Jonathon Davidson scored 13, and David Mello added ten. Marc Weber was tough on defense for DePaul.

Derek O'Dea led Houston with 23 pts, Anthony Capozzi scored six and Chris D'Agostino added four. Brandon Gostanian had two steals on defense for Houston.

Louisville 42, Memphis 35

Louisville cannot be stopped and came out with the sevenpt win. Nick Godzyk led them with 16 pts, Cameron Garrant poured in ten and Shawn Adams added five. Matthew McGrath played very well on defense for Louisville.

Memphis's leading scorer was Zach Reed with 13 points. Derek Queen scored 12 and Andrew Wells netted three. Tony Silva hustled all over the court on defense for Memphis.

St. Louis 38, Cincinnati 32

St. Louis played well and won by six points. James Bonish led them with 11. Mike Micalizzi scored eight pts and Steve Rodenhiser had five points. Tyler Canning fought tough on the defensive end for St. Louis. Cincinnati's main top scorer was Dylan Sullivan with nine pts, James Welch scored 8 and Kevin Burke had four. Nick Whalen was a ball hawk on defense for Cincinnati.

Marquette 33, Charlotte 17

Marquette played great on both defense and offense. Mike

Amentola led them with nine pts, Adam Kline netted six and Zach Anderson scored six. Cody Cerra never gave up on defense and had four steals.

John Baker led Charlotte with five pts, Timothy Barnard scored four and Tyler Valente added ten. Kyle Albanese played good defense for Charlotte.

Tulane 44, South Florida 30

Tulane kept their winning streak alive and was led by Mike Arria with 18 points, Brian Halas scored 11 and John Parsons with nine points. Jon Drew played great defense for Tulane. Mike Gracia led South Florida with seven pts, Sean Hanley and Zach Curley had six pts each. Mike Smith fought hard on defense for South Florida.

NBA - Boys Grades 8-10

Grizzlies 52, Nets 40

The Grizzlies broke away from a first half tie and never looked back in this victory. Thomas Barry and Jason Pereira led the way with 14 and 12 points respectively.

Other scorers were Christian Sanborn and Nolan Giroux with seven points each, Anthony Marinella with six, Richard Barry with three, Thomas Burr with two, and Dylan Reed with one.

Ryan Fahey's game-high 21 points led the Nets' attack. Keith Quigley contributed nine points while Steven Souza had seven. Jeff Kannally threw in the final three points.

Hornets 36, Lakers 22

The Hornets stung the Lakers by 14 points. The duo of Anthony Vibert with 12 points and Scott Bonish with ten led the attack. Bobby Donoghue netted six points and William Starratt and Joseph Rastellini each had four points.

The Lakers had balanced scoring as Jonathan See had six points while Brandon Anderson and Matthew Celeste each had four points. Tom Repetto hit a three-pointer and Joseph Polcari and Nick Danas added two points apiece. Sean Keane scored the final point.

Knicks 52, Cavaliers 48

The Knicks narrowly edged the Cavaliers in this contest. The Knicks had a commanding lead at the end of the first half, but the Cavaliers continued to eat away the lead.

Scoring double digits for the Knicks were Tyler Whalen with 14 points and Donald Morse with 12. Dan Dellisola had nine points, Matt Hachey had five, and Marc Grassia had four.

Finishing off the scoring was Billy Crowley with three, Mark Sullivan and Nick Pupa with two points, and Ryan McCarthy with one.

Scott Bonica's 23 points with three treys helped to get the Cavs back into this game. Rick Belding had ten points, Tim Rosetti had eight, and Justyn Loguidice had seven.

Wizards 58, Bulls 44

With seven players scoring, the Wizards had a great team victory over the Bulls. Ryan Searles had 13 points followed by Bill Stuke with 12. Michael Chircosta and Brendan Fullerton had eight and seven points respectively.

Finishing off the scoring with six points each were Justin Rivera, Ben Stuke, and Christopher Rastellini. Anthony Liberatore's game high 24 points was just not enough for the Bulls to capture the victory.

Omar Shaikh had six points

and Sean Sullivan had another five. Patrick Enwright and Kevin Skinner each completed the scoring with two points.

GIRLS

Atlantic 10 -

Girls Grades 3 & 4

Richmond 24, Fordham 8
Kaitlyn Curley continues to dominate as she again led Richmond with ten points. Heather Benson and Sara Ennis were next in line with six points apiece. Rebeka Wierzhicki threw in the final two points in the victory.

Rachael Mara was the leading scorer for Fordham with seven of the team's eight points.

Amber Peach had the final point. Kirsten Connors, Casey MacDonald, Erin Mangan, Veronica Reidy, Abigail Chase, and Jillian Williams played with great hustle on both ends of the court.

Duquesne 21,

Rhode Island 12

Duquesne pulled off a dramatic win as Chloe Castellano and Michelina Brown led the way with 8 points apiece. Caroline Robarge contributed the final five points.

Carli Brent led the attack for Rhode Island with four points. Rachel Alatalo, Michaela Ouellette, Emily Bamberg, and Christa Brent all chipped in with two points of their own.

Marina Maher, Jacqueline Cote, Lianna Natola, Kristina Nicoli, and Jillian Doyle all made key defensive stops for their teams.

George Washington 13,

Temple 6

Kimberly Donoghue led the way for George Washington with eight points. Dana Rossetti was next in line with three points and Sara Cokash had two. Lillian Day, Stephanie Sullivan, and Erin Berube all made key contributions to George Washington's offense.

Temple put up a great effort even though they fell a few points short of a victory. Taylor Perella was the leading scorer with three points. Elizabeth Duller was next in line with two points and Shannon Moulton threw in the final point. Lauren Strong, Lauren Mulligan, and Meghan Sullivan played great on both ends of the floor.

St. Joe's 24, Dayton 7

St. Joe's dominated the offense end of the court. Leading the way was Hannah Reynolds with a big 14 points. Adrianna Kippenberger and Cassandra Grasso each threw in another four points while Jillian Davidson had the final two points for St. Joe's.

Samantha De Pasquale scored five of Dayton's seven points. Ashleigh Howard had the final bucket for two points. Emma Gaudreau, Liz Harvey, Megan Stone, Rachel Cummings, Marina Otis, and Jessica Hogan all had good games for their teams.

Xavier 12, LaSalle 10

In an exciting game, Xavier managed to pull ahead at the buzzer with a shot by Sarah Bakers. She only had two points on the game, but they were the most important two of the match. Kaitlyn Cowlen had six points while Nicole Poter and Katherine McKenna each had two points.

Presley Silva and Erica Lloyd led LaSalle's attack with six and four points respectively. Brianna Anderson, Tierney McCue, and Victoria Lee all played with great hustle throughout the game.

Atlantic Coast -

Girls Grades 5 & 6

Clemson 28, Wake Forest 20
Courtney Cavanaugh, Taylor Cushing, and Megan Howland played excellent offense for Clemson. Janelle Engrem and Kim O'Dea also played well for Wake Forest. Jessica Phelan, Heather Higgins, and Ashley Walsh each had a great game. Ashley Gillis played awesome defense.

Virginia 17, Duke 11

This was a close game. Kim Woods and Kelly Cassidy had great games. As for Duke, Holly Niemce had an outstanding game - what a player! Sabrina Mirabella, Anna Siegel, and Miranda Faison each played awesome. Great game girls!

North Carolina 26,

Maryland 22

North Carolina won this game with great defense. Key players for the second half were Brett Duffy and Jackie Kennedy. For Maryland Kristina Latanes and Jenna Doney played great. Good fight girls!

Florida State 44, Miami 21
Jen Stewart was an outstanding performer as she threw in 18 of Florida's points. Sarah Luz and Stephanie Marino each had great games with eight points. Erin Kelly threw in another six points while Emily Colosimo and Jacqui Mc Duff had two points apiece.

Lisa Hitchman once again led Miami as she finished the day with 13 points including two triples.

Christiana Contreras had five points and Alexandra Dorian had four. Hannah Middleton completed the scoring for Miami with a basket of her own. Alyssa Donovan and Lizzy Hill both displayed great hustle for their teams.

WNBA - Girls Grade 7-10

Liberty 25, Mercury 15

The Liberty continues to start off slow but they mustered a flurry. Balanced scoring was the key to the victory. Sarah Luz was the game-high scorer with eight points. Kayla Whoolley and Danielle Bole each had four points. Kristin Keller and Kaitlyn Riley had a hoop each. Kelly Duffy made a free throw.

Michelle White was Mercury's high scorer with five points. Stephanie Weymouth dropped in four points while Sherin Chakorian and Nicole Chempango each contributed a basket.

Fire 38, Comets 16

The Fire was too hot to handle as they ran away with a 22-point victory. Beyond all scorers was Jessica Stone with 22 points. Jennifer Carroll, Bryanne Mara, and Vanessa Dumond scored four points each. Kim Nasir, Lorraine Simoneau, Kayla Rossetti, and Elizabeth Jaeschke each added two points in the victory.

Larissa Ingala had four points while Aubrey Ungarsky, Kasey Stokes, Jessica Lavin, Tara Van Vranken, Jennifer Garrard, and Megan Metcalfe each added a basket for the Comets.

Storm 27, Sparks 15

The Storm was raring in this 12 point victory. Casey Ovioc led all scorers with 12 points. Allison Dancewicz had seven and Kayla Davidson had six. Maureen Worthington finished off the scoring with two points. Ali Lyman led the Sparks with seven points.

Elizabeth Cranell threw in four points, while Melissa Mahoney, and Taylor Hanley each had two points.

Squirt A's battle to a pair of ties

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top of the faceoff circle off the post and up over the goalie's shoulder for the 4-4 tie.

Others who played well for the Cats in this one were wingers Kevin Meuse and Dylan DiNatale as both were robbed by the Winchester goalie on great scoring chances. Also defenseman Dan Luise and Matt DiOrio played rock solid hustling games back on the blue line.

Wilmington had to play without star defenseman Mike DiOrio who was home battling the flu

watching the game on ESPN-2.

Next up was another barn burner against the Medford Mustangs at Ristuccia. This was another team the Wildcats have battled in close games all season. This one was no different as these two went tooth and nail for 36 minutes and came away with a point each in a 3-3 tie.

Once again the Wildcats fell behind early as Medford scored a fluke goal from the side boards to take a 1-0 lead just 2

minutes in. Zack Blanch whistled one home later with four minutes left in the period assisted by Tommy Townsend to knot it at one, and then Dylan DiNatale took a Blanch pass late in the period and rifled one to the far corner to give Wilmington a 2-1 lead after the first period.

Medford tied it at two early in the second on a tremendous wrist shot from the slot that whistled past Drew Foley before he could even blink. The

Wildcats then took the lead again with five minutes left in the period on a beautiful goal!

Michelle Alonardo made a nice breakout pass to Cody McGowan who raced down the right wing on a 2-on-1. Cody fed a perfect goal mouth feed to Stevie Ciampa who made no mistake with it and rammed it home for the 3-2 lead.

Medford came right back to score a power play goal on a scramble in front to tie it up at three. The 3rd period was a

classic back and forth war with neither team able to break the tie as both goalies came up big on many quality scoring chances. The game ended in a 3-3 tie.

Once again the Wildcats defensive unit of Dan Luise, Brooks Carter, Nick DiStefano, and Matt DiOrio stepped up huge and played a great game in front of Drew Foley, who was his spectacular self once again. These guys all frustrated the Mustangs attack and moved the puck out of their own end with

nice efficiency.

Playing with only two lines (Kevin Meuse & Mike DiOrio) were both scratched in this one) the Cats showed tremendous hustle and determination as they came away with the tie. All the kids dug down deep and gave it everything they had.

The Wildcat Squirt A team came away with the two ties knowing they played very well in both games and were only a bounce of the puck away from winning either or both games.

Shawsheen Tech Round-Up

Boys Hockey team captures 15th league title

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

With a thrilling 4-3 win over Tyngsboro on Saturday afternoon at the Skate 3 Arena in Tyngsboro, the Shawsheen Tech hockey team earned their second consecutive Athletic Conference championship.

The Rams, who finished the regular season at 16-2-2, including a 12-1-1 record within the CAC, will share the title with Hamilton-Wenham, who also wrapped up their regular season on Saturday with a win over CAC rival Northeast/Malden.

Not only is the title the second in a row for the Rams, it is also the 15th in the career of retiring coach Bill Gordon, who is in his 27th season at the helm of the Shawsheen program.

As has been the case in many of their wins down the stretch this season, the Rams were forced to come from behind against the Tigers in this one, as they trailed 2-1 at the end of one period. Making their comeback even more impressive is that several Rams were racked with the flu, but still managed to fight back and tie the game after two periods before putting it away in the third.

Senior Dan Hanafin scored two goals for the Rams, including the game tying goal at 3:31

of the second period and the game winner at 1:33 of the third. Senior defenseman Jared Edeman assisted on Hanafin's second goal, while the first was unassisted.

Junior Troy Daniels added an insurance goal for the Rams at 3:50 of the third with Edeman picking up another assist, before Tyngsboro put a scare into Shawsheen with a goal at 6:04 of the period to make the score 4-3.

The Tigers could get no closer however, thanks to the 25 save performance by Shawsheen junior goalie Joe Cardinale.

Senior wing Jason Buckley of Wilmington had given the Rams an early 1-0 lead with a power play goal just 2:22 into the game on an assist from Dan Roy, but Tyngsboro came back with a pair of goals before the end of the period, including a shorthanded tally by Keith Gagnon at 7:29 of the period to give the Tigers the lead.

Shawsheen will now wait for the post season seedings to come out to find out their opponent for the first round of the Division 3 North Tournament, but they should receive a very high seed given their impressive regular season record.

Girls Basketball

The girls basketball team also wrapped up their regular season with an impressive win last

week, as they downed CAC rival Greater Lowell in a road game by a score of 55-45. The win improved the Lady Rams record on the season to 12-6 overall and 9-6 in the CAC.

"This was a good win for us. We played real well," Shawsheen coach Dick Barris said. "We pressed the best we have all year. It was to the point that Greater Lowell needed 15 to 17 seconds to get the ball over half court which meant they only had 13 seconds to get their offense going."

Senior guard Erica Marsh led Shawsheen on the scoreboard once again, putting up 19 points, despite sitting out the first half of the game. Without Marsh, the Lady Rams built a 26-21 halftime lead behind the scoring of senior forward Kristin Cantwell who had 17 points in the game. Barris was pleased to see his team play so well without their leading scorer.

"The whole team stepped up in the first half with Erica out," Barris said. "It was nice to have her back in the second half, but it was also nice to show the team that they can step up and play well without her. They all responded to the urgency of picking up the slack."

Sophomore Samantha St. George added eight points and seven rebounds to continue her

fine play down the stretch of the season. In fact, Barris credited her for much of Marsh's second half success.

"Erica hit some three's in the second half, but Samantha also set her up for some easy lay-ups where she got fouled to get three point plays," Barris said. "With her points and her assists Samantha accounted for over 20 points."

The Lady Rams 12-6 record this season is one game off the pace of last year's 13-5 regular season, and may or may not earn them a home game in the first round of the Division 4 North Tournament, where they will likely end up seeded sixth or seventh.

Regardless of whom they open tournament play against, and regardless of where it is played, Shawsheen be looking to duplicate last season's tournament success when they advanced to the semi-finals of tournament.

Of course last season, the Lady Rams had a bye in the first round of the tournament and then beat Greater Lawrence in a home game in the quarterfinals. It likely will not be as smooth a path to the semi's this season.

"It's almost like we are reversing roles with Greater Lawrence from last year, because they had a home game in the first round last year and

then came to our place," Barris said. "This year we definitely won't have a bye and if we do get a home game in the first round we will definitely be on the road for our second game."

Boys Basketball

The Shawsheen boys basketball team will also be waiting for the tournament seedings when they come out on Friday afternoon, as despite a 7-13 overall record, they will be headed to the post season thanks to tying for second place in the CAC Small School Division with 6-8 league record.

First year coach Bob Hodnett and his young squad are thrilled to qualify for tournament play, but they also realize that their opponent in the first round will almost assuredly be quite formidable.

Hodnett was not sure who the Rams would be matched up against, but he was assuming it would likely be either Lynn Tech, Bedford or Wilmington. Lynn Tech has one loss on the season, while Bedford and Wilmington each have two.

"It's going to be tough. We will have to play a next to perfect game to even stay with one of those teams," Hodnett said. "But the kids are excited about it. We practiced today (Monday) and the kids are looking forward to it."

Shawsheen wrapped up their

regular season last Friday afternoon with a 52-24 rout of non-league foe Mystic Valley on the road. The Rams led 29-7 at halftime and as a result were able to get all of their players into the game, and many of the substitutes took full advantage of the increase in playing time.

A pair of Tewksbury residents, junior forward Kris Pazzanese and junior guard Mike Olivera were among those enjoying their best games of the season. Pazzanese had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds to go along with four assists, while Olivera had nine points.

"These are kids that work hard every day in practice and it paid off for them because they played well," Hodnett said. "We will counting on these kids next year to step up even more for us."

Junior center Matt Bruno of Tewksbury added eight points, and Wilmington Joe Gore added six points, but for the most part the regulars spent much of the game on the bench cheering on their teammates.

"They enjoyed watching the other kids play," Hodnett said of his regulars. "They are good teammates and they were cheering them on from the bench."

Major Pool tournament coming to Chelmsford

The International Pool Tour, the ground-breaking new professional pool tour featuring the largest prize money in the history of the sport, will host five qualifying tournaments to fill eight open spots on the 2006 IPT players roster. The fourth of the five qualifying events will be held February 24 - 26 at Country Club Billiards in Chelmsford, MA.

Two competitors from the Boston-area event, the overall winner and the winner of the losing side of the bracket, will earn their 2006 IPT Tour Card. The qualifying tournament format is a double elimination, eight-ball competition. Entry to the event is limited and the field will be filled on a first-come, first served basis.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$2,000 and full registration information is available at www.internationalpooltour.com or by calling the IPT at 847.439.3438. All entries must be received in advance, as no registrations or fees will be accepted at tournament sites.

In addition to the Chelmsford event, qualifying tournaments have been held in Louisville, Atlanta and Los Angeles. There will also be an international qualifying event in The Netherlands (March 10-12).

Launched in 2005, the International Pool Tour has awarded historic and unprecedented prize money payouts and last December's IPT King of the Hill tournament awarded \$1 million, the largest prize

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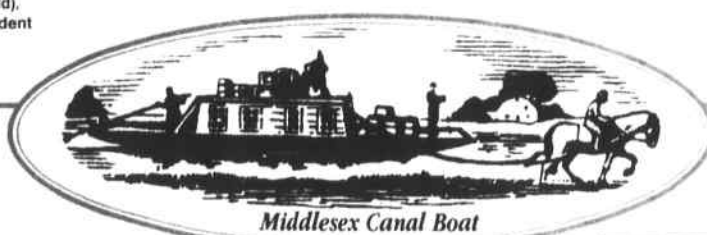
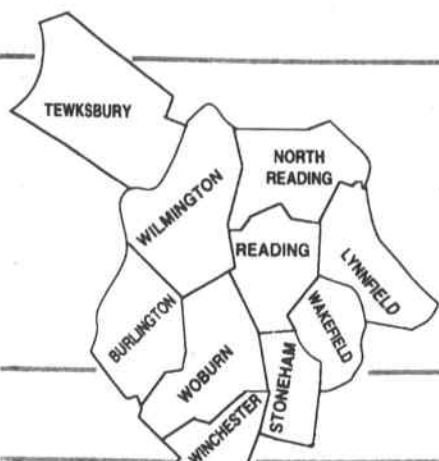
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Real Life Forensics: Different from TV



READING POLICE LT. DET. KEVIN PATTERSON displays the department's fingerprint kit in the small forensic evidence lab. In the background is a Super Glue fuming oven used to extract fingerprints from certain materials.

(Photo, Doug Wood-Boyle)

By DOUG WOOD-BOYLE

From the Middlesex Community College Course catalogue for Spring 2006

C: 2129 - Forensic Science

This unique course integrates criminal investigation techniques with hands on experience in the scientific procedures now used in the modern crime laboratory. Topics include: evidence collection, chemical and physical analysis of the evidence and crime scene, impact of DNA technology on criminal investigations.

The real life use and detection of Forensic Science by Reading Police Lieutenant Detective Kevin Patterson and many of his peers is not quite the same as portrayed on television shows such as CSI.

The chief of detectives in

Reading is also one of a team of instructors - a person trained in law enforcement and a science instructor - on the use of Forensic Science at Middlesex Community College. Patterson's specialty is to bring the "...role of the crime scene investigator as far as the response to crime scene management and processing of the crime scene."

He explained that his part of the course educates the students in how to locate evidence, locate and interview witnesses, documentation of the crime scene and establish a chain of custody of evidence from the crime scene to the courtroom.

Patterson defined forensic science as "...the application of science to criminal or civil law."

According to the Earth Link website, "Forensic Science is any aspect of science as it

relates to the law. Typically, it includes (Firearms and Toolmark Identification; Forensic Psychiatry Examination; Criminal Law; Personal Identification; Forensic Photography; and Crime Scene Processing), but just about any area of science could be called into question in a court of law.

To the above list, Patterson adds chemistry, physics, biology, geology, anthropology, medicine, toxicology and dentistry.

"Early on we explain to the students that what they see on television is very different from reality," Lt. Patterson said. "Much of what you see on television is accurate (in theory) but not very timely."

One of the first discrepancies between real-life and television is the equipment that is used. Most of it is too expensive for a real life crime scene lab to have on hand.

According to Patterson, only large departments such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or New York City would actually have the equipment shown on television.

"Most departments have their own small lab," he added. "We (Reading Police) have a small evidence room where we can do fingerprinting and super glue fuming (placing a piece of material in an oven with super glue, which when heated will show latent fingerprints)."

Items such as fingerprints,

which need to be checked against the FBI's AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems) or ballistics evidence is sent to the State Police Laboratory in Sudbury. Other evidence, which might require chemical analysis, would be sent to the Department of Public Health Lab in Jamaica Plain.

"We need certification from the state's chemists stating that a substance has been tested and it is marijuana, cocaine (or any one of several other illegal substances)," Patterson said. "On occasion we have used the FBI lab in Washington, D.C."

Because of this need to send evidence to a central collection and analysis location, the other reality of crime scene investigation comes into play. The analysis is never done in the time frame as shown on televi-

sion.

"A murder investigation could take as much as 18 months," Patterson said.

He added, DNA testing takes days, even in the most advanced labs.

"In real forensics, it is time consuming. Toxicology testing takes 16-18 weeks."

The combination of the number of cases and the time it takes to get results has caused a well publicized back-up of cases at the state labs. In one case on Cape Cod it took over two years to get the necessary evidence analysis that allowed police to make an arrest in the case.

"Patterson noted, "The state

crime lab is trying to add tremendous numbers of technicians because the demand is there."

In Massachusetts, for the most part, local police departments investigate smaller felonies such as burglaries, robberies or break-ins. However, in a case where homicide is involved, the District Attorney's office is called in for investigation.

"The district attorney would send in State Police Detectives assigned to the office. We work as a team," Patterson said.

He added, "A key to great success in criminal investiga-

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Movie Reviews

By Paul Feely

"FIREWALL" MINDLESSLY ENTERTAINING



IN THIS PHOTO PROVIDED BY WARNER BROS. PICTURES, Bill Cox (Paul Bettany, left) kidnaps bank security expert Jack Stanfield (Harrison Ford) in "Firewall."

MOVIE:
"FIREWALL"

GRADE: **

The story behind the Harrison Ford movie Firewall, looks like a reformulation of just about every hero Ford has played since Han Solo in the Star Wars franchise.

It's yet another movie where Ford plays a grumpy, reluctant hero protecting vulnerable people from bad guys. As generic as it is, it's still kind of entertaining, as long as you leave your brain disengaged.

Ford plays Jack Stanfield, a high-tech security specialist who lives in a fabulous house in Seattle designed by his beautiful architect wife (Virginia Madsen). The chaos level at

the Stanfield house runs high, boosted by a barking mutt and a remote-control toy, both of which are introduced so prominently you just know they're going to figure into the plot later.

Jack's life is interrupted by Bill Cox (Paul Bettany), a villain who, with his crew of bad-dies, breaks into Jack's house and take his family hostage. This is all part of a ridiculously elaborate plan to force Jack to hack into the computer system of the bank he's protecting and transfer millions of dollars into Cox's account. It's one of those movie schemes that requires everything to work just right, which, of course, it can't even in a cinematic universe.

You know how this works, right? Just when it gets to the point where it looks like Jack has no way out, he finds a way. There's a certain satisfaction in watching a Ford character gain the upper hand, and 24 fans will get a kick out of watching him get help from Mary Lynn Rajskub (Chloe on the television series), once again playing a surly woman who aids a grim hero named Jack.

Without its great cast, Firewall would have gone straight to DVD, where it could have turned into a home-video sleeper rather than a big-screen blowout.

MOVIE:

"FINAL DESTINATION 3"

GRADE: **

A once-clever premise reaches the end of its ride in Final Destination 3. This gory sequel begins with a promising thrill ride on a roller coaster, but by the end has become little more than a merry-go-round, spinning pointlessly in circles.

As in the original Final Destination, a group of teens who narrowly escaped disaster are stalked by a mysterious death force and wiped out one by one in the order they would have died. In this case, the Grim Reaper's rampage is sparked by a roller coaster ride gone awry during a high school senior-night celebration at an amusement park. Mary Elizabeth Winstead is the year-book photographer who has a premonition of impending doom seconds before she and her classmates are about to be launched on the ride.

Director and co-writer James Wong masterfully stages this opening sequence, an exercise in suspense and paranoia that evokes the build-up to an amusement park ride in visceral detail. As with many such rides, however, all the twists and turns are a let-down after the tantalizing mixture of fear and excitement that precedes them.

Wendy escapes the ride before disaster strikes, along with her best friend's boyfriend, Kevin (Ryan Merriman), and a handful of classmates. The movie settles into a tedious grind as the students are dispatched to the great beyond in increasingly convoluted and gruesome ways. The sadistic contraptions Wong devises aren't nearly as ingenious or fresh as they were two movies ago, leaving viewers



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with the hope that this Final Destination is indeed the end of the line.

MOVIE:
"UNDERWORLD: EVOLUTION"

GRADE: *

As he was not enamored with the 2003 original 'Underworld', this reviewer wasn't looking forward to the sequel "Underworld Evolution". His worst fears came true on screen, and it had nothing to do with the battles between werewolves and vampires.

If there ever were a film that just flat out didn't deserve another go-around it was 'Underworld', and "Evolution" picks up exactly after the events of the first film. Why?

Vampire assassin Selene (Kate Beckinsale, looking ravishing in skin-tight leather) breaks ties with her clan by killing her mentor Viktor.

Most sequels retain a lot of the elements of the original, it's not a prerequisite to enjoy the next installment. Not true with this one. Director Len Wiseman seems to realize 15 minutes into the film that he needs to catch people up on what's happened beforehand, so tries this sped-up flashback technique which just makes everything harder to follow.

Worse, most of the characters Wiseman focuses on during these tripped-out flash-

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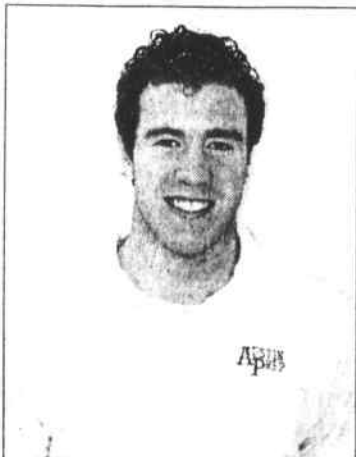
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Sarah Gosselin
swimming, senior
Reading

'Ambitious' in North Reading

"If you want to see Town Administrator Greg Balukonis during calendar year 2006, you'd better snap his photo now," notes the "North Reading Transcript."

"Based on the ambitious list of T.A. goals agreed to with the Selectmen, Balukonis will be a very busy man this year."

"In addition to the normal day-to-day business of government, Balukonis' to-do list includes:

"Financial policies and procedures: Develop financial procedures in cooperation with policy making boards and staff, including debt management, investments, and maintaining adequate reserves."

"Employee IT Training Program: Create employee user group and assess training needs. Develop programs for employees that address opportunities and problems identified by the user group. Develop an internal IT tracking system for setting department priorities in consultation with the Town

Administrator.

"Continue Development of Town Website: Encourage and increase user participation and posting for timely and accurate public information. Review opportunities to increase public awareness of the website. Consider making additional services available to citizens via the web."

"Police Station Construction Project: Develop a plan for financial and legal oversight of the project, including monitoring expenditures and providing financial reports. Recommend levels of authority for approval of invoices, change orders, contracts, etc."

"JT Berry Center Project: Assist town officials with development of strategy leading up to the 2006 Town Meeting as it relates to the Berry Center Project."

"Labor Relations and Contracts: Engage in contract negotiations for open labor contracts, including police officers, superior officers, firefighters, public works and town hall employees. All contracts are presently expired or expiring in June 2006. Address union disputes in a timely manner...."

'Ongoing' in Winchester

"The Middlesex District Attorney's Office and the Winchester Police Department has hosted a Roundtable discussion on domestic violence at the Winchester Police Department," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"The Burlington Police Department was among the participants."

"This gathering, the Winchester/Woburn Community Roundtable, was part of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Roundtable program, which is on-going throughout Middlesex."

"The Middlesex District Attorney's Office Domestic Violence Roundtable program meets regularly, with staff members participating in and coordinating these community roundtables in the regional District Courts located in Ayer, Cambridge, Concord, Framingham, Lowell, Malden, Somerville, and Woburn."

"The purpose of each Roundtable gathering is to provide participants with the opportunity to network and meet other service providers to develop interagency collaborations and to make

appropriate referrals to each other."

"During these discussions, participants introduce current trends and 'hot topics' in domestic violence and offer ideas and solutions to address these topics of con-

cern. "Each Roundtable also features a guest speaker with experience in domestic violence, to provide participants with specialized information on domestic violence and to help participants to better serve the victims with whom they work."

"The guest speaker for this Roundtable was Dr. Edward R. Blew, creator of 'Aggression Replacement Training (ART)'."

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School Notes

by Phyllis Nissen

BONDING TOGETHER, AND BONDING, TOO

How to help (Burlington)

"At the fourth and final installment of the Citizens Drug Recognition Academy held at the Police Station, a middle school parent asked a panel of officers if there was a drug problem in the schools, would they be aware of it, or how would they go about finding out about it," notes the Burlington edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"I don't even have to be aware of it. I know there is," answered D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Officer Stephen Cross.

"Absolutely it is there," answered a police detective who asked not to be identified. "It is definitely in the schools, without a doubt. It is definitely happening in the schools and the faculty needs to get involved."

"Without a doubt," the detective continued, "drugs are in the schools."

"Burlington is a good place, but we're going to have a drug problem," Cross went on to say.

"Things (serious crimes) don't always happen here," said Detective Anne Marie Browne. "But, they may start and end here."

"Over 25 people - all but two being mothers of students in the school system - attended the four sessions of the Citizens Drug Recognition Academy. They received certificates of recognition and other mementos for their attendance."

"The program was run by

Marilyn Belmonte, co-chairperson of the Burlington Drug and Alcohol Task Force...."

Please help (Winchester)

WFEE is a volunteer organization that relies on the participation of the community to be successful. We welcome financial support, in-kind donations, and volunteer assistance. Our fund raising efforts include the annual fall donor campaign, the town-wide Trivia Bee, and the Teacher Tribute program.

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Help arrives (Reading)

"Town officials heard word from the state that Reading would receive a grant payment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for a portion of the total grant for the Reading Memorial High School project, months earlier than the town anticipated receiving the funds," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"In a letter from Katherine Craven, Executive Director of the MSBA, the town was notified it would receive an initial grant of \$4,810,605 on January 3, 2006."

"To that date, the town

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Boating & You

Things to know before you go

by Tom Lucet



Water, wind and weather during the winter months are always an adventure when it comes to boating.

During late January, many local residents had the opportunity to attend the annual Eastern Fishing and Outdoor Exhibition in Boston.

Anyone who had the opportunity to attend this event was greeted with a wide array of major brands of boat trailers, plus Evinrude and Mercury motors for 2006.

I, myself, recently paid a visit to the Newburyport area to visit the enchanting Plum Island. This is certainly a site to mark on your map, especially when the warmer weather arrives, and you can even take part in the various surf casting and fishing activities on the island.

For additional information on the Plum Island Surfcasters and upcoming events, contact Kevin Moore at 978-255-1028 or write to Bonnie Radeke, Plum Island Surfcasters, PO Box 364, Newburyport, MA, 01950.

Although it's not really practical to hit the high seas during the month of February, locals can make their way to one of several area boating shops to get a look at the newest gear and boats in anticipation of the 2006 boating season. Some area shops include Bosun's Marine shop, located on Route One in Peabody; Baert Marine in Danvers and River Front

Marine in Salisbury.

These dealers are currently preparing for the forthcoming annual Boston Boat Show, as they're presenting their new lines of 2006 boats, motors and accessories at the event, which continues from now through February 26 at the Bayside Expo Center in Boston.

This annual event is comprised of a quarter of a million square feet worth of power boats, sail boats, and an array of accessories.

It's also important to note that many new models are on display for the first time in New England, including the new 42-foot Juneau Sun Odyssey and the center console 26-foot Albin with its fuel-efficient on-board diesel motor. Garudy White will also be on-hand to debut the new 36-foot Express and 24-foot Malibu Wakesetter ski boat.

More than 600 boats, both power and sail, will be on display, as well as thousands of marine accessories, products and services. Door prizes will also be awarded to some lucky Boston Boat Show visitors.

While visiting the Boston Boat Show or other similar events, be sure to check out the free literature.

Questions? Comments? Contact the Middlesex East Boating Editor, Tom Lucet, c/o 35 Ashton Street, Beverly, MA, 01915, or call 978-922-6854.

SPORTS SHORTS

•MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA
Who was the first purely defensive college football player to win the Heisman Trophy Award? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•PARKER MIDDLE SCHOOL 7TH GRADER RYAN PRINCE, won the New England Middle School Fencing Invitational for Middle School students held at the University of New Hampshire recently. To win, Ryan beat 6th, 7th and 8th graders from across New England at this annual UNH event that also included a high school team fencing event. At one point, Ryan stunned spectators with a run of 21 unanswered touches/points, including 15 to win the direct elimination bout to the quarter final round.

•CAROLINE SHEEDY (READING MASS./READING HS), a freshman, picked up a sixth

place finish for Bentley College in the 1,000 at the Northeast-10 Conference Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships Saturday at Southern Connecticut State's Moore Field House. As a team, the Falcons finished fifth, in a seven-team field, with 38 points.

•THE BOSTON AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION will be conducting free clinics for individuals interested in becoming umpires for the 2006 softball season. Umpires will officiate youth and adult recreational leagues in their surrounding cities and towns. For more information please call 781-665-5925 or visit our web page, www.asa-boston.com.

The clinics will be held at the following locations:

North Shore Area:
Melrose Elks - 7:00 PM
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Wednesdays - March 1st, March 8th, and 15th

•ERIC LITALIEN, who competes at Level 6, and **JOHN LAING**, who competes at Level 10, for Gymnastics & More in Woburn, traveled to Las Vegas to attend the Vegas Cup Gymnastics Meet, which was held on Sunday, February 5, 2006. Eric, who is from Reading, placed fifth, out of 20 other gymnasts, on vault with a 9.250. The Gymnastics and More Level 6 Boys Team received third place at this national meet. Out of the 56 other gymnasts in his age group, John, also from Reading, placed fourteenth on pommel horse and fifteenth on high bar. The Level 10 Boys Team from Gymnastics and More received fifth place.

•FORWARD ERIN SWEET of the **QUINNIPIAC COLLEGE** women's ice hockey team scored her first goal of the season against

Union last Sunday. The junior from **Tewksbury, Mass.** now has two points this season (one goal and one assist).

*Need some help on this week's trivia question? The player's initials are C.W.

*For her efforts in the UMass women's swim team's win at the Rhode Island Invitational, **JUNIOR LIZ LOVEJOY (READING, MASS.)** was named the UMass/Dinn Bros. Athlete of the Week. Lovejoy had two first place finishes, led UMass to two first-place relay wins, and a second-place finish in a third relay event. Lovejoy posted career-best times in her wins in the 200-yard fly (2:08.84) and in the 100-yard freestyle (53.77 seconds). Her time in the 200-yard fly was the fourth-fastest mark in UMass history. She also helped the Minutewomen to two first-place finishes in the 200-yard free relay and in the 400-yard free relay, and a second-place finish in the 400-yard medley relay. Her time in the 100-yard freestyle was also a career-best time, but fell just 0.14 second shy of the 10th fastest time in school history.

•ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: Charles Woodson led the University of Michigan to a share of the National Championship with Nebraska in 1997, and was the first purely defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy.

•DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T? If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to readingchronicle@comcast.net, or mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200 between 7 am and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, or fax information at 781-942-0884.

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Successful completion of this course fulfills the requirements established by Mass General Law to make application with the licensing authority for a Class A or B License to Carry Firearms, or a Firearms Identification Card. Check with the local police to fulfill all firearms licensing requirements in your town.

Each year certified volunteer instructors hold more than 70 hunter education courses throughout the state. Courses are scheduled over 5-6 weekday nights. Students must attend every session. Students, ages 10 and older, are encouraged to participate. Parental permission is required of all students under 18 years of age. All courses are conducted free of charge.

For additional information on courses, write Hunter Education, P.O. Box 408, Westminster, MA 01473-0408 or call (508) 792-7434 or (617) 727-3623 or visit the website at www.masswildlife.org

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Calendar of Events

TROLLEYS, ELEVATEDS AND SUBWAYS

Urban historian Charles Bahne will speak at the Tuesday, February 28 meeting of the Lynnfield Historical Society. Bahne, who is the Vice President of the Boston Street Railway Association, will speak about "Trolleys, Elevateds and Subways: How Boston Set America in Motion."

This program will commemorate the 150th anniversary of streetcar operations in New England, which began in March 1856. Bahne will discuss the history and evolution of urban transit from horse-drawn streetcars to electric trolleys, to rapid transit elevated railroads and subways.

As the city of Boston was at the forefront in the development of urban transit systems, Bahne will focus on the Boston Elevated Railway (the E1) and the system it operated for much of the 20th century. The program should be of interest to anyone - young or old - who either lived or worked or studied in Boston and relied upon the E1, or the current subway system.

The meeting will be held in the 1714 Meeting House, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and the public is welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served following the program.

SUBURBAN ADVENTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES

Suburban Adventure Club for ages 40s through 60s offers 12+ professionally run events per month. Come meet new friends

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Contact Meg at Suburban Adventure Club for newsletter/reservations 978-663-9495 or www.SuburbanAdventureClub.com.

CHARACTER BREAKFAST AT STONEHAM HIGH

Come have breakfast and meet your favorite characters at Stoneham High School on Saturday, March 11. From 8:30 to 11 a.m. a loveable explorer, a crazy sponge, and a red furry friend will be on hand to visit and sign autographs. The cost is \$5 for children, free for adults and children under one.

The event benefits the Stoneham Business and Community Educational Foundation (SBCEF). All proceeds will go to the youth of Stoneham as a SBCEF provides grants to schools and organizations for educational and cultural programs. So far this year SBCEF has given grants totaling over \$7000 to the schools, the library and the Historical Society. Since 1994 SBCEF has granted over \$60,000 in awards in the community.

The mission of the

Foundation is to fund creative and innovative programs which promote the educational and cultural growth of the town's youth, but cannot be funded within an organization's budget.

The SBCEF wishes to thank Century 21 GR Associates for sponsoring this event. Join the fun on March 11.

HAM AND BEAN DINNER AND COFFEEHOUSE

A Ham and Bean Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 25 at the First Congregational Church of Reading, 25 Woburn Street, Reading at 6 p.m. Enjoy a dinner of ham, hot dogs, pea and kidney beans, coleslaw, cornbread, beverage and dessert.

This New England Dinner, sponsored by 11 Congregational Women's fellowships is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12 and under 6 free. Maximum \$20 per family.

Following the dinner is music by the New England Winds, and ensemble of the Air Force Band of Liberty featuring a clarinetist, flautist, hornist, oboist and bassoonist. They are well versed in traditional woodwind quintet repertoire, with musical selections from the 18th century to the contemporary period.

The group offers a varied selection of popular, Broadway, patriotic, jazz and folk music. New England Winds is equally popular with all ages. The Congregational Church is located on the corner of Sanborn and Woburn streets.

The coffeehouse will be downstairs in Guild Hall, accessible from the Sanborn St entrance. The music begins at 7:30. This program is free and open to the public. For more information contact the church office at 781-944-0205.

JOHN F. KENNEDY AND IRELAND

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, the Museum at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library will open "A Journey Home - John F. Kennedy and Ireland," a special, new exhibit that explores President Kennedy's relationship to his ancestral homeland, featuring a large selection of never-before-seen materials from the Museum Collection including gifts presented to the President by the people of Ireland as well as other artifacts, documents, photographs and film footage relating to his Irish heritage and his June 26-29, 1963 state visit to the country of his ancestors.

President Kennedy relished his Irish heritage, and during his historic visit to Ireland remarked to the people of Limerick, "This is not the land of my birth but it is the land for which I hold the greatest affection."

General admission to the library is \$10, or \$8 for seniors and students, and \$k7 for children ages 13-17. Children 12 and under are free.

IMPRESSIONIST PORTRAIT DRAWING DEMONSTRATED

Cameron Bennett's "Impressionist Portrait Drawing" will be demonstrated at the Reading Art

Association's March meeting on Wednesday, March 8 at 8:30p.m. The location is Guild Hall, Congregational Church (middle side door), Sanborn Street, Reading.

Cameron Bennett, a native of Brooklyn, NY, was instructed in art by his parents, both of them artists. His formal art instruction began at the Baltimore School for the Arts, a specialized high school, and continued at the Rhode Island School of Design, the Maryland Institute College of Art and the Mass. College of Art, where he received his B.F.A. in illustration.

After graduation he held various jobs as a painting conservator's assistant, quick sketch portrait artist, caricature artist and caster of plaster art objects.

Cameron's demonstration will be about drawing based on the "visual order", letting lights and darks lead rather than lines. He will do a head study from life. As he works, he will talk about the differences between academic and impressionistic.

HAVURAH HAVERIM TO HOST POTLUCK

Havurah Haverim, a Jewish "community of friends" serving several local towns, will host a potluck dinner following a Havdalah service on Saturday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reading. Rabbi Bart Perlman will continue to include an element of Jewish education in the service, with a focus on both Purim and Israeli politics in a parliamentary system.

To RSVP and for more information call Carol Perletz at 781-944-2605, perletz@comcast.net, Larry Cohen at 781-272-5828 or larry.cohen@comcast.net, or Barbara Adler at 781-272-5279 or bbadler@galactic-trading.com. www.havurahgroup.org.

The 20th Anniversary Antique Show of the Malden Historical Society will be held on Saturday, March 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at a new location, St. Paul's Parish Episcopal, 26 Washington Street, Malden.

Admission is \$4 (\$3.50 with discount card). Antique and collectibles, books, paper, postcards, linens, catered, conve-

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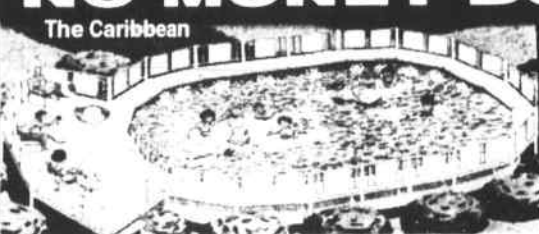
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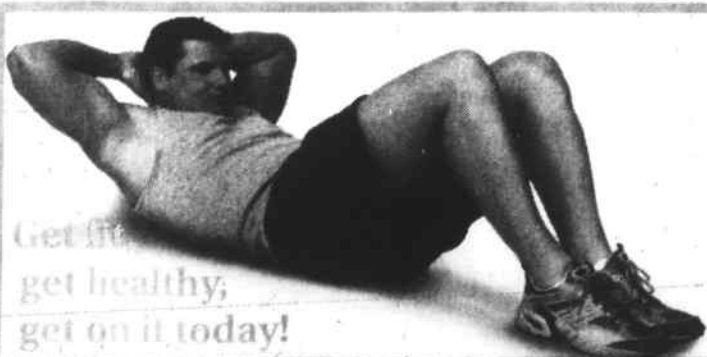
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Forensics

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tions is the team component; the local police being able to work with the State Police and the District Attorney's office. Also, being able to have access to state and federal resources is valuable to prosecution."

Patterson has a solid background of training and experience that he can bring to his teaching position. He has been a police officer in Reading for 32 years and for the past 15 years he has been the chief of detectives. He holds an Associates Degree in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice from Middlesex Community College as well as a Bachelor of Science from Northeastern University and Masters Degree from Anna Maria in Paxton.

Patterson also has a certification in Crime Scene Management from the FBI Academy. Over the years he has also taken several specialty courses in criminal investigation.

During his years of service, Patterson has seen many changes marking progress in how criminal investigations are conducted. However, the basics are still very important.

"We know a lot of advances have been made in the use of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) testing," Patterson said, "that is what a lot of CSI (the televi-

sion shows) key on. That is just one part (of Forensics).

"You still can't get away from old fashioned police work. Get as much information as possible and develop the evidence."

Over his years as a police officer and detective, Patterson has called on his experience to help his colleagues and the detectives under him to crack some difficult cases. During the interview, he recalled the time consuming work of gathering and processing evidentiary details that helped in the breaking of the Elaine Donahue Murder case.

The case was difficult from the beginning as it started out as a missing person case. However, careful investigation eventually led to the discovery that the husband of the nurse was the lead suspect and he was later arrested and convicted when the woman's body was found in plastic barrels the husband recently purchased from a chain hardware store in Saugus.

Forensic evidence also played an important part in finding the true cause of death and leading to the arrest and conviction of a young girl whose 1975 death had originally been ruled by the medical examiner's office as being from natural causes. The case was finally solved 22 years later.

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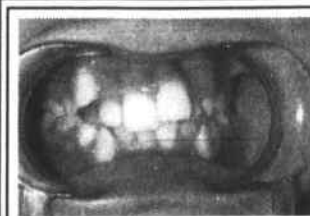
SEEM Collaborative Child Care has earned re-accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children-the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. NAEYC created its accreditation program in 1985 to set professional standards for early childhood education, and to help families identify

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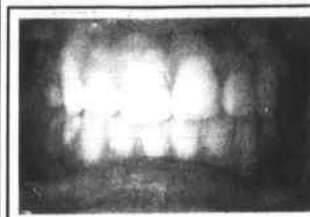
"We're proud to be accredited by NAEYC, and recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards," said Joyce Mitton-Bennett, Director of SEEM Child Care.

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Median Price: \$410,000

8 DOVER DRIVE U:8 was sold to Joyce Shannon by Prudential Relocation Inc. for \$461,500.

1 PAUL STREET was sold to Ann Sidley and Tom Harsanyi by Giuseppe and Yevgeniya Manzali for \$379,000.

-LYNNFIELD-

Median Price: \$557,000

17 BIRCH ROAD was sold to Robert Pimental by Deborah and Vincent Cuzziere for \$872,300.

-NORTH READING-

Median Price: \$440,000

1 CHEYENNE DRIVE was sold to Lorraine McGee and Rajeev Kumar by Chapin and Virginia T. Cutlet and Dennison B. Raymond for \$625,000.

-READING-

Median Price: \$435,000

20 GREYSTONE WAY U:8 was sold to Andrea Stackland-Winter by Lab Rt. and James T. Lynch for \$420,000.

24 PINEVALE AVENUE was sold to Ye by Ye and Donald Gregory McColm for \$15,000.

44 MIDDLESEX AVENUE was sold to Joseph Taylor and Lawrence Gilligan by Michael Rousseaux and Ruth Buffkin Rubinstein for \$4,500.

-STONEHAM-

Median Price: \$420,000

115 FOREST STREET was sold to Michael and Michael Inpocenti by Janis and Paul Halloran for \$461,500.

68 MAIN STREET U:25C was sold to Kenneth and Michael Gibson by John H. Test for \$215,000.

2 PEARL STREET was sold to Edward Nadolny and Stephen Abramo by Lenna Hill and Stephen Paul Curley for \$250,000.

-TEWKSBURY-

Median Price: \$376,000

61 CYNTHIA ROAD was sold to John T. Gregory and Linda J. Gregory by Gino Salvati and Kimberlee Salvati for \$421,900.

1501 MAIN STREET U:42 was sold to Weare Realty LLC by Jaac Rt. and Andrew Cabral Tr. for \$60,000.

127 MCLAREN ROAD was sold to William Neary by Margaret Carmody and William Neary for \$145,000.

26 PATRICK ROAD U:26 was sold to James S. Warren by Thomas A. Murphy for \$275,000.

41 PATTEN ROAD was sold to James D. Donahue Jr. by Benedict J. Dobbin for \$319,900.

21 PRESERVATION LANE was sold to Maria Nicosia by MK Rt. and Robert G. Scarano Tr. for \$429,900.

-WAKEFIELD-

Median Price: \$425,000

50 ALBION STREET was sold to Debbie Nguyen by Foley Robert E. Est. and Harold C. Foley for \$525,000.

13 BROOK AVENUE was sold to Nancy D. Perno and Paul J. Perno by Charlene McDonough for \$477,500.

19 DEXTER LANE was sold to Doreen Bentubo and Paul Bentubo by John W. Ezekiel and Karen R. McColl for \$576,000.

66 GOULD STREET was sold to Ross T. Woodbury by Walter S. Choroszej for \$440,000.

7 GROVE STREET was sold to John J. Hurley Jr. by Doreen T. Bentubo and Paul S. Bentubo for \$415,000.

-WILMINGTON-

Median Price: \$374,750

35 COLUMBIA ST was sold to Paul R. Carrier by KIM Rt. and Michael J. Hughes Tr. for \$340,000.

3 GANDOLF WAY was sold to Richard A. Giacalone and Susan A. Giacalone by Brian M. Soares and Tracy A. Soares for \$439,900.

446 MIDDLESEX AVENUE was sold to Joseph D. Mitchell and Robert Whitaker by Shaw Frederick M. & Sons LLP for \$64,000.

-WINCHESTER-

Median Price: \$726,675

955 MAIN STREET U:201 was sold to Scott D. Carzo and Sheila A. Carzo by Steven L. Rosen for \$237,000.

8 SHEFFIELD WAY was sold to Gregory Davidian and Robin Davidian by Stephanie M. Arata for \$907,000.

-WOBURN-

Median Price: \$385,000

31 CHESTNUT STREET was sold to Craig L. Mahon and Jennifer E. Mahon by Kristi M. Frazier and Laura F. Jung for \$370,000.

106 GARFIELD AVENUE was sold to Barry Lavalle and Heidi Casamasima by John B. Garrity and Maureen K. Garrity for \$362,000.

5 LAKE AVENUE was sold to Stephen E. Jarboen by Jennifer Cabral for \$70,400.

30 LOCUST STREET was sold to Robert Prosser by Wm. W. Richmond for \$229,000.

201 MAIN STREET U:46 was sold to Gang Wang and Xintong Hou by Sammy Siu for \$302,500.

191 MISHAWUM ROAD was sold to Lexington T. and Robert W. Murray by 191 Mishawum Road LLC for \$2,000,000.

12 PORTER STREET was sold to Christopher N. Blandford and Robert F. Donahue by John R. Davey for \$2,000,000.

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The Gala is Saturday, March 18, at the Burlington Marriott Hotel. Cocktails will be served from 6:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m. and the

silent auction will run from 6:00 p.m. through 10:00 p.m. The event will also feature dinner and dancing from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00.

Tickets are \$75 per person and a table of ten can be purchased for \$750 in advance. All proceeds will benefit ongoing breast cancer research at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston and its Center for Cancer Risk Analysis.

The evening will feature a check presentation to physicians and researchers at MGH, a ballroom dancing showcase by the Arthur Murray Dance Studio and dancing to the World Premier Band, direct from Las Vegas.

Reservations are now accepted through March 1 or until the gala is sold out.

Checks can be made payable to FFBC and sent to: 9 North Hill Drive, North Reading, MA, 01864.

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Try these approaches to help your child learn

Few parents might imagine that when their baby first opens his or her eyes, he is actually preparing for that very first day of school.

Research shows that children are born ready to learn and they're naturally curious beings who are motivated to make sense of the world around them. In fact, the brain is the only organ that is not fully formed at birth.

Children learn best through their everyday experiences with the people whom they love. And experts say that children learn even better when the learning is associated with fun.

Language and Literacy Skills
Language provides the foundation for the development of literacy skills.

- Talk together. Copy your baby's sounds and encourage him or her to imitate you. Point out and name the things you see together.

- Read books. It's never too early to start sharing books. Let your child explore in whatever way they like - even if it's chewing on the cover! Let your child hold the book and point to the pictures as you read.

Thinking Skills

Children are born eager to understand how the world works.

- Encourage your child to explore objects and toys in different ways. Touching, banging and shaking objects serves as a way to learn about the way things work.

- Incorporate math games into your everyday routines. Count the stairs as you climb them or ask if there are enough crackers for everyone at the dinner table.

Self-Control
Self-control is the ability to express and manage emotions in appropriate ways. It is essential for school success and healthy overall development.

- Teach acceptable behaviors and tell/show your child what he can do, not just what he cannot do. For example, tell your child that beachballs can be thrown outside, but not when you're indoors.

- Give choices. Present him with acceptable options and let him choose. If a decision is really yours, don't offer a choice. For instance, say "It's bedtime," instead of, "Are you ready for bed?"

Self-Confidence

When children feel competent and believe in themselves, they are typically more willing to take on new challenges.

- Establish routines with your child. Most children feel safe and in control of their world when events are predictable.

- Let your child be the problem solver. Give her the support she needs to solve a problem, but be sure not to solve it for him or her.

Zero to Three is a non-profit organization which promotes

the healthy development of babies and toddlers.

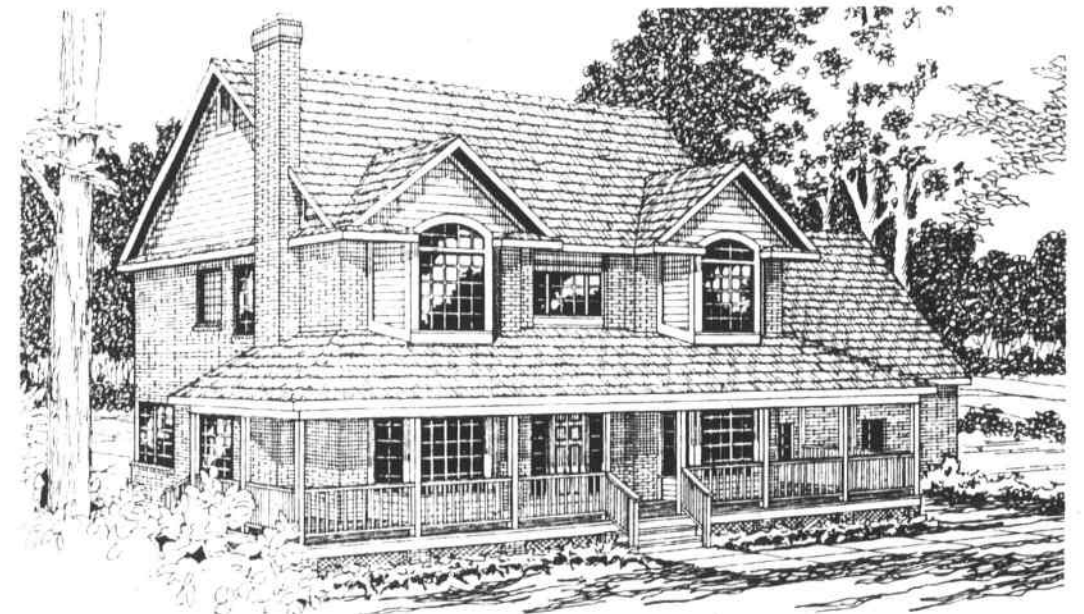
With funding from the MetLife Foundation, the group has developed a booklet for parents entitled *Getting Ready for School Begins at Birth*. To download a copy or to obtain additional information, go online and visit www.zerotothree.org

Century 21 North Shore free seminar on March 2

Century 21 North Shore at the Depot will be hosting a free First Time Home Buyers Seminar Thursday, March 2nd, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM, at 32 Lincoln Street, Reading.

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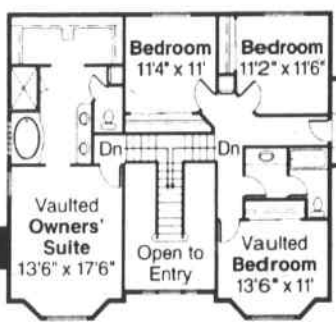
Country-style Cimarron has warm façade

By Associated Designs

A gallery porch spans the entire front of the Cimarron, giving a welcoming, open look to this four-bedroom, country-style brick home. A wealth of symmetrically arranged multipaned windows adds to the effect.

Entering, you step into a grand entry. The ceiling in this dramatic space is two stories high, and light spills in through a wide clerestory window. At center, an elegant staircase sweeps up to the second floor. The landing overlooks the entry.

With the possible exception of the den (which could be a home office), the lower level is devoted to family living space. Kitchen and family room are at the rear, living room and dining room on the left. Bay windows brighten and expand



as well. French doors in the nook and family room swing open to access a wide deck. Kitchen amenities include:

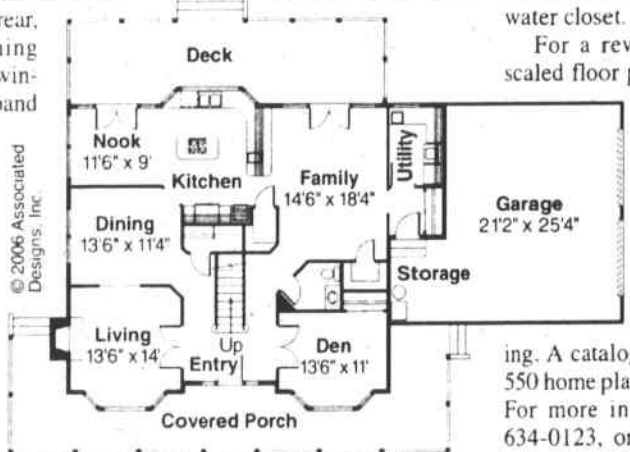
a pantry, a long eating bar with a vegetable sink, a work island with cook top, built-in oven, microwave and dishwasher. Utilities, a powder room and two closets are convenient to both the family room and garage.

Skylights illuminate the Cimarron's second floor landing, an upper-level hallway, and the owners' bathroom. The owners' suite has a huge his-'n'-hers walk-in closet and a luxurious bathroom with oversized shower, spa tub, twin lavs, linen/towel storage and a private water closet.

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the den and living room, both of which are entered through French doors off the entry. The living room has a masonry fireplace.

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Private Properties Brokers lauded for performance

Two of the top brokers at Private Properties were recently honored for outstanding performance for 2005. These dedicated professionals are among the many who help to make Private Properties the number-one real estate firm in the towns of North Reading, Reading, Lynnfield, Wakefield, Middleton and Stoneham overall year-to-date, according to the Multiple Listing Service.

Margo Cory was the overall top producer for the entire period of 2005, accounting for over \$20,000,000 in closed sales.

Cory is the area's top broker and has maintained this position for more than three consecutive years.



Margo Cory



Judy Mason

"Margo is noted for her superior work ethic, unparalleled problem solving ability and supreme empathy," explained Jim McQuaid, of Private Properties.

Cory's efforts have

accounted for sales volume in excess of \$140,000 over the past six years. She is admired by clients, customers and colleagues alike and she is adept at helping both first time buyers, new construction, trade-up clients and land developers.

In addition, Cory is directly responsible for the successful marketing of MacIntyre Crossing and Great Lott Estates.

Cory and her husband Chap raised two sons in North Reading and they currently reside in Boston.

With nearly \$20,000,000 in closed sales for the same period in 2005, Judy Mason was lauded and applauded for her achievements as well.

Mason, one of the area's

most respected real estate professionals, has a fantastic career background which includes several management positions in corporate real estate, the top producing broker at another local firm and she even worked briefly as a tennis coach at Wakefield High School.

Mason's professional work approach, combined with an uncommonly pleasant demeanor, are just a few ingredients to her success.

Mason is quite a tenacious and responsible sales representative in the industry and she is directly responsible for the successful marketing and

sales of numerous large ventures.

Mason's efforts have accounted for sales volume in excess of \$100,000,000 in the past six years.

Mason and her husband Bob have four grown children and they currently reside in Middleton.

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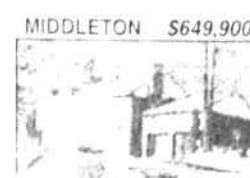
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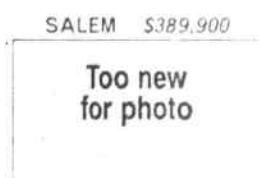
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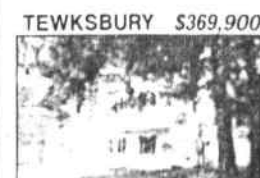


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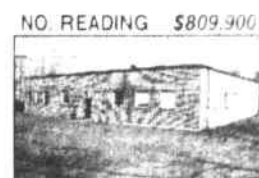
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The Quannapowitt Radio Assn. is offering weekly amateur (Ham) radio classes, leading to the attainment of the Technician (beginner level) amateur radio license. Classes start on Tuesday evening, March 7 at 7 p.m. and continue weekly every Tuesday evening until April 25.

The license examination will be held on Saturday, April 29 at 8 a.m. Classes and examination will be held at the Community Training Room, located at the Reading police station at 15 Union St. (in the center of town). The fee is \$50, which covers the cost of the official training manual, training room rental, and exam fee.

The instruction and exam will be given by experienced ham radio operators on a fully volunteer basis. The material is not difficult and is easily mastered by the serious student. The classes are open to people of all ages, although it is suggested that students be at least 12 years of age.

Registration includes a 1 year complimentary membership to the Quannapowitt Radio Assn., which conducts interesting meetings monthly,

as well as an annual field day outing, and communicates via a local VHF repeater. After passing the exam, help will be given to students to aid them set up their radio stations.

Contact any of the following instructors: Tim Cefalo (Winchester) 781-721-2503 wlex@verizon.net; Tom Charbonneau (Reading) 781-258-0625, tcharbon@verizon.net; Jim Fisk (Andover) 978-475-7284 jimhfisk@comcast.net.



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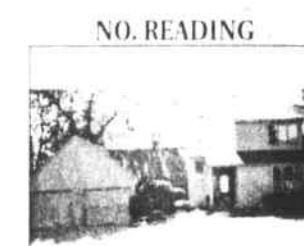
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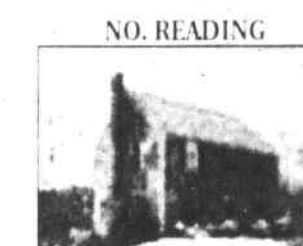
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From 5-5

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Classes are held at Elder Services, 360 Merrimack Street, Bldg. #5, Lawrence. Deadline for registration is March 10. For more information call SeniorNet at 800-892-0890, ext. 516.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MUSIC IN LOWELL

Bob Drouin is a member of the Exiles, the band that will be kicking off the evening of entertainment at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium on St. Patrick's Day. The Exiles play exhilarating, traditional Irish instrumental dance music, as well as their own compositions, with vitality and spark.

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The Exiles music ranges from sets of high energy jigs and reels to delicate finger picking tunes, to lively traditional songs.

The Exiles have been a regularly featured act at O'Leary's and Jacob Wirth's in Boston. The band has also played at the Lowell Irish Festival, The Elephant and Castle, and Honey Fitz pub.

For more information visit www.exiles.biz.

SPRINGTIME CRAFT FAIR IN STONEHAM

The First Congregational Church of Stoneham is hosting a Springtime Craft Fair on Saturday, March 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to benefit its steeple fund.

There are spaces for 40 vendors, 23 are already filled.

Crafters who are interested in reserving a table should call the church office at 781-438-0097 or email the church at firstchurch-stoneham@verizon.net for more information and an application.

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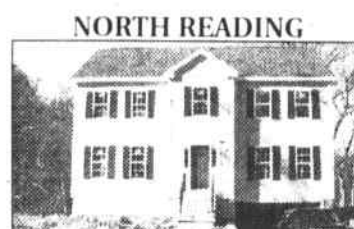
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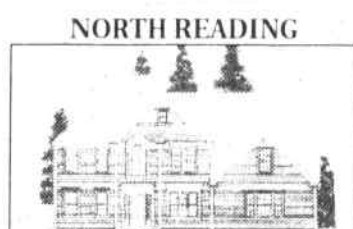
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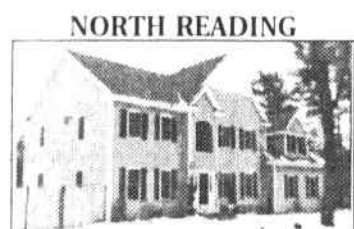
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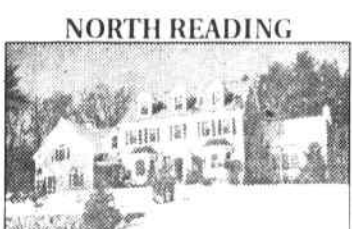
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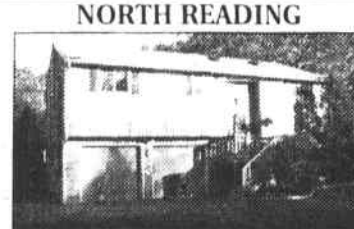
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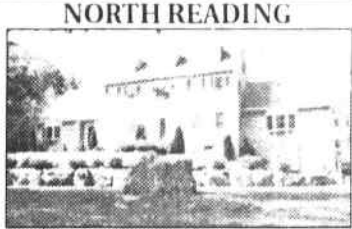
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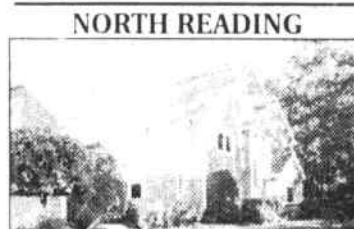
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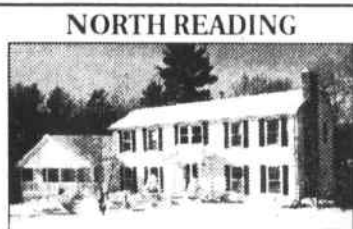
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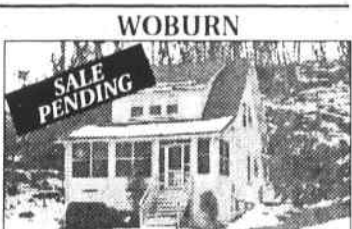
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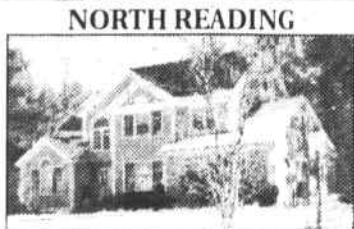
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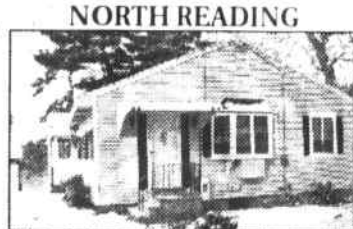
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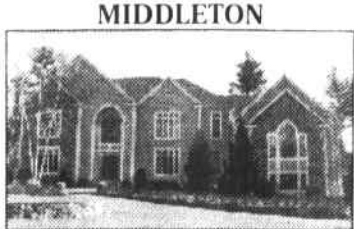
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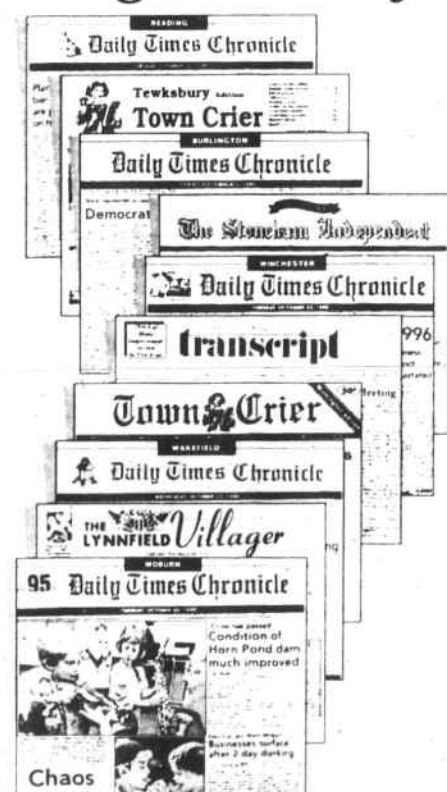
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Movies

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backs don't play any roles in "Evolution", so it's just more time that you have to spend waiting for your back end to go numb in the seat.

Selene's only friend in her war against both vampire and werewolves is her hybrid boyfriend Michael (Scott Speedman) who manages to keep his hair looking very GQ and wet throughout the film.

The ending hints at yet another installment in this

series, but one can only hope that the producers decide to drive a stake through the heart of its heroine before that happens.

MOVIE:

"THE NEW WORLD"



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GRADE: **

Terrence Malick creates yet another ambitious film that is full of style but lacks substance.

The discovery of the New World is well-documented, but Malick's script plays fast and loose with the facts.

Captain Christopher Newport (Christopher Plummer) and his group of men arrive from England to the shores of America and find a peculiar and exotic new land. A land abundant with fertile grasses and lush fruits, not to mention tribes of strange but gentle natives who have worked the territory for hundreds of years.

Imprisoned upon arrival but set free to lead the men to explore their goldmine of a find is insubordinate John Smith (Colin Farrell), a hot-head with a love for the new and different. Resentment flows fast and furious as the men see Smith as a traitor and bristle at his leadership.

Their mission is to learn the ways of the people and generate peace and harmony between their European and Native American cultures. To that end Smith falls for the 15-year old princess Pocahontas (played by newcomer Q'orianka Kilcher). As the Jamestown settlement becomes a reality and the dueling cultures take steps towards peace, Smith and Pocahontas kindle a

romance that burns hot and heavy.

Like any tragic romance this one, this one goes wrong. Smith struggles with his responsibility to the men who aren't adjusting well to the winter, finally abandoning his feelings for Pocahontas.

Farrell sheds his Irish bad-boy in favor of a soldier of fortune urgently torn between two loves of his life, his men and his woman.

The film shifts gears when Pocahontas meets aristocratic settler John Rolfe (Christian Bale), who professes love and proposes marriage. She heads off to England with him, though she never quite gets over Smith.

MOVIE: "GLORY ROAD"

GRADE: ***

"Glory Road" is a good sports movie - the acting is strong, the games are exciting, and despite the serious message about racial equality, it's actually pretty funny in spots. But, like in the movie "Miracle", I found myself getting distracted from time to time by "Hollywood" moments that didn't quite ring true, just to make the bad guys badder and the good guys better.

A story this great doesn't need that kind of exaggeration. In 1966, the NCAA men's basketball finals weren't won by a

powerhouse like Kentucky or UCLA, but by upstart Texas Western (now the University of Texas at El Paso). What made the upset such a watershed moment in sports was that coach Don Haskins put a team of entirely African-American players on the floor, at a time when many Southern schools had a color barrier in place.

What's great about Haskins, as played by Josh Lucas, is that he didn't break that unspoken rule in the name of social equality or justice, but in the name of winning basketball games. Tiny Texas Western didn't have the budget to compete with the big schools when it came to recruiting players, so Haskins went after the talented African-American players the other schools didn't want.

In all, he brings seven African-American players to play for the Miners in El Paso, including Derek Luke ("Antwone Fisher") as showboating guard Bobby Joe Hill, Damaine Radcliffe as Willie Cager, a top scorer who is hiding a serious heart ailment, and Schin A.S. Kerr as the aloof all-star center David Latin.

Haskins' decision draws some raised eyebrows among local boosters and the white players on his team. But for the most part, the culture clash is mostly played for comic moments early on, particularly as the players get used to Tex-

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SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By Michael Mepham

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Mex culture and the barren desert environment.

The film almost seems to be in a hurry to get through the usual scenes of the ultra-authoritarian Haskins whipping his undisciplined recruits into a cohesive team. Which is fine, since we've seen the same scenes of exhausting workouts and spittle-flying speeches in every other sports movie.

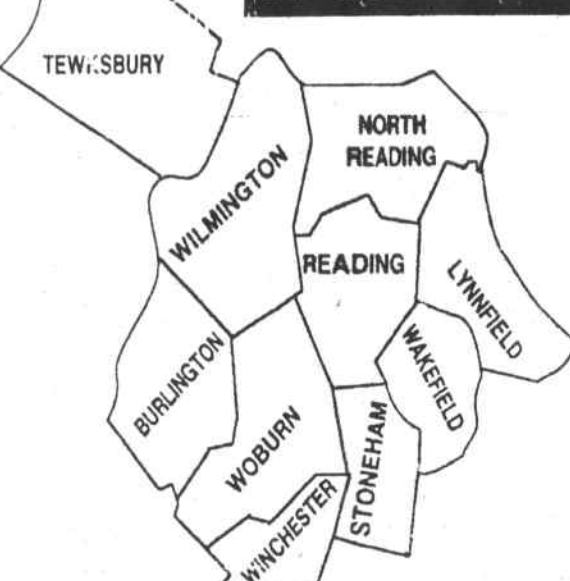
It's when the Miners start winning games and playing road games in the Deep South that "Glory Road" turns more serious, as the team is confronted with racial epithets, vandalized hotel rooms and worse.

The significance of what Haskins is doing hits home when the Miners reach the Final Four, and Texas Western faces off against an all-white squad (including a young Pat Riley) from Kentucky, whose legendary coach Adolph Rupp didn't recruit an African-American player until 1972. The stern Rupp is portrayed under some prosthetic makeup by the wonderful Jon Voight.

"Glory Road" could have used a little more of that sort of subtlety, as it sometimes plays a little loose with the facts to make a point.

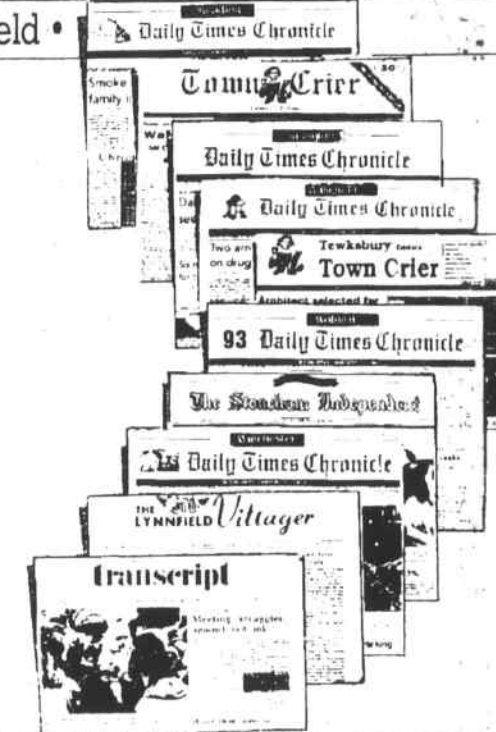
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